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## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY

### SUCCESS IN DIFFICULT YEAR

#### "SENSELESS COMPETITION" OF UNDERWRITERS.

#### AN APPEAL FOR UNITY

"Unprecedentedly difficult" conditions the world over during 1930, and the decline in local exchange, had been satisfactorily overcome by the Union Insurance Society of Canton, said the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, who took the chair at the annual meeting this morning.

Mr. Mackie deplored the intense competition in the marine insurance field, and expressed the conviction that British underwriters should unite in maintaining a level of rates. Later, in the meeting, Mr. V. M. Grayburn also referred to "senseless competition," in times of all-round stress and strain.

It was difficult to speak as to prospects for the future, the Chairman added, but in the event of the long looked for trade revival the company would certainly benefit.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. P. LAUDER

Directors' fees in the Union Insurance Society and the two associated companies, the China Fire Insurance Company and the British Traders' Insurance Company, were increased, and a hearty tribute paid to the work of the General Manager, Mr. Paul Lauder, and his staff.

#### CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Mr. Mackie said:—Before commenting upon the figures appearing in the published balance sheet I would like with your permission to say a few words upon the general trade conditions prevailing last year, and as to how these have affected the business transacted by the Society and its affiliated companies. As you are aware, the Society and the companies associated with it are primarily interested in Marine and Fire Insurance, but they transact also to a smaller extent certain general classes such as automobile, accident, employers' liability and other allied types of insurance. All these classes have, of course, been affected by the disturbed conditions prevailing.

The year 1930 will long be remembered by business communities the whole world over. During this period merchants have had to face unprecedentedly difficult conditions. There has been a heavy decline in the prices of nearly all commodities. These ruling for rubber and tin, jute and the manufactured article, raw silk, and other important classes of merchandise bear eloquent testimony to this fact.

**Silver Debauch.**  
Here in Hong Kong and China we have had also a collapse in the sterling value of the dollar following the heavy fall in the price of silver. Our fluctuating sterling exchanges have certainly added to the Society's perplexities. In this respect, however, it is not singular, for in varying degrees many other business undertakings have been similarly affected.

The heavy fall in market prices of necessity means less value, and in consequence less insurance, and underwriters will have diminished premium with which to pay their claim. This means also that the ratio of expense to premium income of many companies will show some increase.

**A Hard Year.**  
The past year has certainly not been an easy one for the marine underwriter. Although there have not been many heavy total losses during the period, the usual crop of heavy claims have occurred, particularly those caused by that ever recurring hazard, fire.

You will have all read in the Press of the very difficult times through which British shipping passed last year, and which it still continues to experience. You will understand that bad trade for our ships as a rule means bad trade for the Marine Insurance companies, for these ships carry the cargo that is insured. Further, a great amount of the tonnage of the world during last year has been lying idle, and the lying up returns which

underwriters will have to pay out on last year's hull account I am afraid will be heavy.

**Fierce Competition.**  
The same intense competition in marine insurance still exists and in this connection I would say it seems a great pity that marine underwriters, whether writing for the companies or in an individual capacity, cannot unite in maintaining a reasonable level of rates. If British underwriters would come together in some simple and common form of agreement a great step forward would be made. In fact of all the difficulties of the present situation it would surely be wise to call a halt to all forms of unnecessary competition. In fact the Marine Insurance market seems to require a little more of the "live and let live" policy about it if it is in a reasonable time to place the business upon a sound basis.

**Fire Business.**  
With regard to fire business the year 1930 was a difficult one, due to the general depression in industry. As compared with the year 1929 a welcome diminution was shown in fire losses in the United Kingdom, but this was accompanied by a contraction in premium, due to the fall in values, and also to the curtailment of production.

In the United States of America the trade depression was accompanied by an increase in loss experience. In Canada there was a general falling off in premium, and although the amount of losses incurred does not appear to have been much in excess of the previous year, the decline in premium income will have the effect of increasing the loss ratio.

In Australia the political and exchange position has added to the general difficulties of business. Important individual fires appear to have been fewer. Fire business in China continues to be subject to intense competition, and notwithstanding the rise in the value of property as calculated in silver, the sterling equivalent of the premium received is somewhat diminished.

Changing conditions in China and also in India have no doubt accentuated the difficulties which the trade of the world has had to face during the past year. I am sure it is the earnest wish of us all that both these great countries will soon be in a position to settle down to a long era of peace and of trade prosperity.

With these few remarks upon the general conditions I would ask you now to turn to the figures in the Society's published balance sheet. The report and accounts having been issued on May 5 will have given you time to examine the figures, and I propose to follow the usual custom and take them as well as the auditors' report as read.

The sterling equivalent of the silver reserve fund of \$5,000,000 is \$1,625,000 as compared with \$2,487,750 at the same date of the previous year. The decline in the sterling value of silver, of course, due to the drop in the sterling

## CIVIL SERVANTS' PAY CUT.

### Austrian Government Retrenches.

#### TARIFF DOUBLED.

Vienna, Yesterday.  
A five per cent. cut in Civil Servants' salaries, a doubling of the tariff on coffee, and an increase on tea duty by a ratio of five to eight, are among the provisions of the Government's retrenchment scheme, submitted before the National Council to-day.—Reuter.

rate of exchange from 17 1/2 as at December 31, 1929, to 1/1 as at December 31, 1930.

Similarly the Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Account shows a diminution, and stands at \$563,751.93 as compared with \$568,369.41, and here again the reduction in this account amounting to \$114,617.14 is primarily caused by exchange. The decline would have been heavier had it not been for the rise in the market value of certain of our Sterling investments.

Turning to the figures of the Working Account, you will notice that the balance of the 1929 Account as at December 31, 1930, is \$155,644.14 compared with \$129,826.15 for the year 1928 at the end of a similar period. The 1929 Account should leave a fair profit, and the amount of \$47,644.14 which we are carrying to the Underwriting Suspense Account will materially assist that Fund.

**Working Account.**  
The Working Account for the year 1930 does not make quite such good showing, although the percentage of Losses to Premium Income written is 41.94 per cent. as against 43.52 per cent. for the previous year. The fall in the Premium Income has however had the effect of slightly increasing the Commission and Charge ratios, these being 12.01 per cent. and 18.74 per cent. for the year as against 10.95 per cent. and 17.64 per cent. for the previous year. The decline in our Premium Income was of course inevitable, as owing to the heavy fall in the value of merchandise, already referred to by me, and also to the restricted trading conditions there was less to insure and it was not possible to maintain our figures.

Our Fire and General business last year left us with a moderate profit after taking into account outstanding losses and setting up all the necessary reserves. You will notice that the Interest Account for the year 1930 is \$150,630.71 as against \$177,586.25 for the preceding year. The figure is affected by exchange and at the end of the second year we anticipate if exchange then ruling is not much under 1/1 that the interest for the year 1930 will approximate to that shown in the Working Account for the year 1929.

For the information of shareholders I would say that the Society's subsidiary companies have in certain instances increased their dividends, but none of these companies are paying away more than the interest earned in dividend, although they are distributing nearly that amount.

**Australasian Interests.**  
As you are aware the Society and its affiliated companies have considerable interests in Australasia, where they transact a valuable business. The depreciation in the Sterling value of our investments in Australia and New Zealand as at the end of last year due to the rate of exchange existing between those countries and London has been taken into account in the figures before you.

You will notice that we are proposing to pass from the Reinsurance Fund to the Sterling Reserve Fund \$100,000. As regards the Reinsurance Fund I would explain that the Society has in the past built it up from profits, and the greater part of it consists of free Reserve. Owing to the shrinkage in the Sterling equivalent of the Silver Reserve Fund it has been thought advisable to transfer the amount mentioned to the Sterling Reserve in order to strengthen the sterling total of the two funds. It gives me much pleasure to be able to advise you that the Society has recently appointed Messrs. W. J. Roberts & Company, Inc. of

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## MINERS' HOURS TO BE REDUCED.

### Laying An "Economic Blizzard."

#### LABOUR CONFERENCE.

Geneva, Yesterday.  
A reduction of working hours in order incidentally to regulate the output and thus tend to lay an economic blizzard," will be the principal aim of the International Labour Conference, which opened to-day. At least, it anticipates an International agreement limiting the hours for coal miners.—Reuter.

## YACHTS' JOURNEY TO NAGASAKI.

### Shanghai Amateur Crews' Venture.

#### SAFE ARRIVAL.

Shanghai, To-day.  
Last Saturday two Shanghai yachts, Nidaros and Chelidon, sailed from Shanghai to Nagasaki with amateur crews. A message from Nagasaki this morning stated that the Chelidon had arrived at 3.15 a.m. The Nidaros has not yet been sighted.—Reuter.

Shanghai, Later.  
The yacht Nidaros arrived at Nagasaki at 12.30.—Reuter.

## BRITISH MISSIONARY SAFE.

### Two American Women Decline To Leave.

A British Naval Wireless message released for publication to-day states that Miss MacDonald, British subject, was evacuated from Kailchek on Wednesday.  
Two American ladies declined to leave.  
The Cantonese garrison has returned to Kailchek and the situation here is much improved.  
All is quiet at Hohow.

An official British Naval wireless message published by us on Wednesday stated:—The situation at Hohow and Kungchow remains quiet, but conditions are not yet normal. H.M.S. Somme will remain at Hohow for the moment.

Anxiety exists for the safety of one British and two American lady missionaries at Kailchek, which is reported to be surrounded by Communists. Arrangements are being made to bring these ladies to Hohow.

## FRANCE NOT TAKING ANY RISKS.

### M. Briand Opposes Austro-German Unity.

#### ALLIANCE WITH ITALY.

Paris, Yesterday.  
The Chamber voted its confidence in the Government by 318 votes to 261 at the conclusion of the debate on foreign affairs.

**Effectively Spoken.**  
M. Briand declared, "the wheel of Austro-German unity has been effectively spoken." French and Italian relations are evolving towards complete agreement.—Reuter.

## HUGE DEFICIT SHOWN BY U.S. TREASURY.

### Ascribed to Decrease in Income Tax.

#### LONG-TERM LOAN.

Washington, Yesterday.  
United States deficit of over a billion dollars is shown in the Treasury.  
The figures issued to-day are ascribed to the decrease in income tax, owing to trade depression.

It is understood that the Treasury are contemplating an early issue of a large, long-term loan to meet the deficit and obviate the need of an increase of taxation, which is likely to be detrimental to Republican chances in the 1932 election.—Reuter's American Service.

## SUGAR REFINING COMPANY.

### The Progress of the Liquidation.

#### THIRD REPORT SUBMITTED.

A general meeting of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) was held in the Board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. at noon to-day.  
Mr. A. B. Stewart presided, being supported by Mr. J. Fleming (liquidator), and the following shareholders were present: Messrs. R. Gordon, A. Murdoch, R. E. Macdonald, A. H. Chambers, and F. C. Hall.

The Chairman said:—

The report of the Liquidators and relative accounts having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I propose, with your permission, to take them as read. Considerable progress has been made during the period under review in liquidating the Company's assets and liabilities and as full particulars of what has been done are given in the report, there is little for me to add.

I might mention that the remuneration of the Liquidators has not been paid and will have to be met out of the assets still to be realised.

After the adoption of the report and accounts has been proposed and seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

Proposed by Mr. F. C. Hall and seconded by Mr. A. Murdoch, and carried unanimously.

#### Report of Liquidators.

The report by the Liquidators was as under:—  
The Liquidators beg to submit their Third Report, advising the Shareholders of the progress of the liquidation of the Company, during the year ended April 30, 1931, in accordance with the Ordinance they also present a summary of their Receipts and Payments during that year and in addition submit a similar summary covering the period since commencement of the liquidation on May 15, 1923, up to April 30, 1931.

#### Property.

As indicated in their last report a proposed lay-out of the East Point Property was prepared in case the large area owned there had to be sold piecemeal. Offers were asked for individual lots but, when enquiries did not lead to any business, the liquidators concentrated on an offer made for the whole property. After long negotiations during which the price first offered was substantially increased, the property was sold in September last realising \$2,328,300, which represents an over-all price of about \$5.75 per square foot.

The Public Works Department had previously advised the liquidators that the 287,000 square feet available for building in their proposed lay-out would require to be considerably decreased before development and the liquidators trust the shareholders will endorse their acceptance of an offer equivalent to approximately \$9 per square foot for the probable area available for building. Had the property been sold in small lots it seemed to the liquidators inevitable that certain undesirable lots would have been left on their hands for an indefinite period.

The Company's properties on Morrison Hill Road were also sold, in two lots, during the month of December realising \$133,732.37, which the liquidators considered a satisfactory price for land in that locality.

The liquidators were also successful in selling the Swatow land of the Company, but, as difficulty was experienced in obtaining the Chinese Authorities' consent to the transfer to the purchasers, payment was not received until March.

Of all the properties owned only a comparatively small area, viz.: about 18,000 square feet, partly building land and partly road on L.L. 749, 781, and 782 fronting on Yee Wo Street near Causeway Bay remains to be realised, but the offers so far received have not been considered satisfactory.

**Debtors' Accounts.**  
Up country accounts and stocks have been liquidated wherever possible but a further \$10,000 may ultimately be collected.  
With the foregoing exceptions all

## VIOLENT STORMS IN BRITAIN.

### Landslides and Floods in South Wales.

#### LOSS OF LIFE SMALL.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Violent thunderstorms broke over the South of England last night and the early hours to-day, causing considerable damage, particularly in the Western Counties and Wales. Several buildings were struck by lightning and in some cases fires resulted, but no loss of life from this cause is reported. The most serious damage was the result of floods. In several towns and villages the main streets were impassable and business premises flooded.

The storm caused great havoc in South Wales. Several rivers burst the low-lying districts of Pontnewynydd, Monmouthshire, which were deserted during the night by their occupants, who were temporarily accommodated in the local cinema. In some cases it was necessary to use boats to rescue people trapped in their houses in the Clun Valley, on the borders of Wales.

**People Homeless.**  
The heaviest damage was done at Abergavenny, where many people are homeless and landslides of considerable proportions are reported. Local rail services were in some cases dislocated. Road transport suffered over wide areas and night motor-coach services from London to the West of England were suspended. Camps of units of Territorial Army, undergoing training near Weymouth and at Minehead and Monmouth were flooded out.

#### Houses Struck.

In London some houses were struck by lightning, but the damage was slight. Two cargo Air Liners made forced landings during the storm. One was the Imperial Airways "City of Melbourne," which was bound for Paris with newspapers from Croydon, and came down near Luton. The undercarriage was damaged but the airman were uninjured. The second was the French Air Union machine, which, encountering the storm on the journey from Lympne to Paris, returned and, skirting the storm, landed at Amersham, in Buckinghamshire.—British Wireless Service.

[See earlier cable on Page 11.]

#### MORE RAIN.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—

The northern depression continues to move eastward towards Hokkaido. The depression to the N.W. of Hanoi has deepened slightly.

**Local forecast:**—South or variable winds, moderate; generally overcast; rain.

#### Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day 0.54 inch. Total since January 1—22.59 inches against an average of 22.34 inches—excess 0.34 inch.

#### Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—  
Hong Kong ..... 79  
Macao ..... 79  
Pratas Island .. 79  
Fochow ..... 75  
Amoy ..... 80  
Manila ..... 79  
Chefoo ..... 65  
Shanghai ..... 68

the Company's Assets have now been realised.

**Creditors' Claims.**  
The liquidators utilized the proceeds from the sale of the various properties, first in meeting the Debenture holders' claim and secondly in paying off Partially Secured and Ordinary Creditors, of whose claims only some \$8,000 now remain outstanding. It will be observed \$113,956.18 was paid during the year under review in settlement of claims in respect of Ex-Employees' Pensions; the liquidators fixed exchange whenever they knew funds would be available for that purpose, but even with the comparatively favourable rate obtained, settlement of these Sterling Claims resulted in considerably more loss to the Company than was first anticipated.

## ALTITUDE OF TEN MILES REACHED.

### Belgian Scientist Lands Safely on Glacier

#### WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT.

Vienna, Yesterday.  
The report is confirmed that Professor Picard and his assistant, Kipper, landed safely on Gurgl Glacier, near Merano, last night, and are safe and well, after reaching an altitude of 16,000 metres.  
Their scientific instruments were undamaged.

#### Honoured by King.

Brussels, Yesterday.  
The King of the Belgians has conferred on Professor Picard the Order of Leopold, and made Kipper a Knight of the Order.

**No Danger Felt.**  
Berlin, Yesterday.  
Professor Picard and Kipper, interviewed, said that the only discomfort of the flight was the lack of fresh water. They never felt themselves in danger, as the temperature inside the gondola was 40 degrees centigrade.

In the stratosphere the outside temperature was 55 degrees centigrade below freezing point. They remained purposely aloft at night time in order to avoid landing on the mountains in darkness, but the threat of a storm and the fact of the balloon losing height forced them to land on the glacier.

All their instruments were safe, and soldiers were now dismantling the balloon, which was undamaged.

Brussels, Yesterday.  
Professor Picard telephoned to his anxious wife from Obergurgl and said that the balloon had reached about 16,000 metres, where it remained till sunset. The manhole over the glacier was not opened till ten minutes before landing, and the oxygen apparatus was satisfactory throughout.

#### Early Cables.

Munich, Yesterday.  
Professor Picard and Dr. Kipper are reported to be safe, and to have ascended successfully to a height of ten miles, as they planned.

Berne, Yesterday.  
The Swiss Aviation Bureau has received a telephone message that the balloon with Professor Picard and his assistant has come down on a glacier in the Oetz Alps.

Vienna, Yesterday.  
Professor Picard and Dr. Kipper's fate was for some time uncertain, owing to the inaccessibility of the spot on the great Gurgl glacier, near Pirch (Austrian Tyrol) where the balloon descended.

It is reported, however, that the rescue party found them unconscious. Relief aeroplanes are flying to the scene.

Berlin, Yesterday.  
Daylight has brought no news of the balloonist Professor Picard and his companion, Doctor Kipper, and it is now regarded as practically certain that disaster has overtaken them.

One theory is that the cold night air may have forced the balloon down and caused it to crash in the Austrian Tyrol. Another view, held by many scientists, is that the airman in their sealed gondola met death by suffocation, possibly through failure of the oxygen apparatus. The fact that no reply has been received and no rocket signals fired from the ground when the balloon was sighted near Innsbruck last night tends to confirm this theory. Gendarmes who then tried to follow the balloon on motor-cycles lost sight of it in the darkness, and a light aeroplane which took off in an endeavour to ascertain the fate of the airman was similarly forced to return.—Reuter.

## KING AT OLYMPIA.

### ATTENDS ROYAL MILITARY TOURNAMENT.

#### WEARS ADMIRAL'S UNIFORM.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
H.M. the King, in the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet, accompanied by the Queen, was accorded an enthusiastic reception at the opening performance to-day of the Annual Royal Military Tournament at Olympia.—British Wireless Service.

[See earlier cable on Page 8.]







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GINTO MARU	Wednesday, 24th June.
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LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Suez, Constantinople, Genoa.	Monday, 15th June.
DAKAR MARU	Monday, 15th June.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Friday, 29th May.
BENGAL MARU	Friday, 29th May.
PENANG MARU	Monday, 8th June.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	Friday, 29th May.
TANGA MARU	Friday, 29th May.
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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.	Tacoma Maru	Tues., 2nd June
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NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Atlas Maru	Sun., 14th June
JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).		
HAIPHONG via Hoihow & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Menado Maru (under docking)	Thurs., 11th June
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Hozan Maru	Sun., 31st May
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Canton Maru	Sun., 17th June
	Deli Maru	Thurs., 4th June

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### GALLANTRY AT SEA.

Swedish Presentation To Crew Of Mauretania.

The gallant rescue by the Mauretania of the crew of the Swedish Ovidia in the Atlantic last November was recalled recently, when, at Southampton, the Swedish Naval Attache, Commander Oberg, presented a commemorative shield, in gold, to Captain McNeil and the officers and men of the liner on behalf of the Swedish Navy League, as a token of gratitude.

In the early hours of November 19 an S.O.S. signal, sent out from

the Ovidia stating that she was leaking and sinking, was received by several ships, including the Mauretania, then distant about 220 miles. Captain McNeil altered his course, made all speed for the position given, and, in spite of a strong westerly gale, reached the distressed vessel at 11.30 a.m. He stood by in the hope that the situation might not be so serious as was at first contemplated, but eventually the captain of the Ovidia decided to abandon his ship, and, in spite of heavy seas, Captain McNeil brought his ship close alongside, and the Ovidia's crew of 28, among them the captain's wife, embarked in their own lifeboats and were taken on board.

## OUTLOOK FOR WORLD SHIPPING.

Is a Return to Normal Probable?

### IDLE TONNAGE.

As the mercantile marine produces nothing of its own and merely transports the products of all kinds of industries, it is an excellent record of the ups and downs of economic life, for which it acts like a seismograph, registering the slightest movement. Shipping has long ceased to carry only the produce of its own country. It handles goods from all countries, and therefore registers improvements and declines not only in any one country but in the general tendency of the international market. To-day there is not a single national mercantile marine which confines itself solely to its own country's imports and exports; the world's produce is carried by the world's shipping, writes Paul De Rousiers, Vice-President of the French Shipowners' Central Committee and one of the leading authorities on matters relating to world shipping. In 1914, British ships carried about 200 million tons, although British foreign trade in that year did not exceed 150 million tons, of which foreign shipping carried 50 million tons. Therefore, 100 million tons of non-British trade were carried under the British flag. And even more does this apply to other countries. The mercantile marine is at the service of everybody; it is an international organisation and for this reason the evils that afflict all mercantile marines can be derived in great measure from general causes. Over the past ten years or so—that is to say, since the middle of 1920—a collapse in freights has taken place. Everyone concerned in the industry has been trying to discover the signs of a return to normal conditions. After noting that this long crisis in the world's shipping is due to a disproportion between the available tonnage of ships and the tonnage of goods to be carried, we note, with a gleam of hope, certain increase in the mass of goods conveyed from one country to another. The 1929 figures seemed to justify some little optimism, but last year freights dropped still more and idle tonnage increased enormously.

The general increase in the of goods carried overseas went on uninterruptedly since 1926, till the end of 1929, with some falling off in 1930, as shown by the Suez Canal figures (in metric tons):—

1926	25,400,000
1927	29,524,000
1928	32,622,000
1929	34,516,000
1930	32,662,000

Similar results are shown by the latest available figures of the traffic through the Panama Canal (in tons of 1,016 kilos):—

1926	26,037,000
1927	27,748,000
1928	30,593,000
1929	31,450,000

These figures show marked and steady progress, connected

with the general tendency observed during the development of steam navigation, interrupted for at least ten years by the Great War. It tends to restore the balance between tonnage and goods and to bring freights back again to a paying basis. This balance was destroyed by the increase in gross tonnage from 1914 to 1922. This is an experience common to all war periods, when sea transport trade grows rapidly to drop with equal rapidity after the war and the temporarily increased requirements are over. In 1920 the world shipping had this cruel experience and overseas trade became less than before the war. The first upward movement of traffic was felt in 1925. The world's total tonnage in 1914 was 49,089,352. It is now 66,407,000 tons gross. In spite of all this, freights in 1930 were lower than they have been since 1910. They represented in January 81.2 per cent. of the pre-war average, and 81.5 in December against 109.6 in January and 86.2 in December of 1929. For January, 1931, to the figure was 81.2. If we reckon the general increase in working expenses, which the most moderate estimates put at 70 per cent. in relation to pre-war costs, we have some idea of the very severe trials now placed, after a long crisis, on the shipping industry.

What is the cause of the trouble? Everyone agrees that it is to be found in the decreased demand for cereals, and especially wheat. Stocks of wheat have been accumulating for four years. This available mass has not only depressed prices but has had an unmistakable effect on maritime exchanges. The Canadian farmers, whose pool gives them considerable power, hold prices in their own country above the world level. The result has been a considerable decrease in exports of wheat through Montreal and Vancouver. It is true that an increase in wheat exports from Argentina has provided some slight compensation, but the fact remains that the generally satisfactory crops in Europe has led to a marked decrease in overseas freights during the last few months.

We thus find that a temporary economic phenomenon, affecting only one form of output, has been sufficient to endanger, for a time, the balance which was beginning to show itself between the great mass of sea-transit goods and the available tonnage of shipping. Nothing could better show the continual uncertainty of maritime transports and the need for the greatest prudence in financial policy for shipping.

Thus prudence has to go hand in hand with boldness. If it is to set aside the necessary amounts for depreciation, the shipping industry must draw on its working profits, and to have working profits it must be active. It must not keep within the narrow limits of the national maritime trade but must try for a good share in international traffic, which is open to all flags, in spite of the obstructions which a few backward countries endeavour to maintain or to create.

French shipping has frankly adopted this policy and has made marked progress in the last 30 years. In 1914 we had 2,555,775 tons of shipping. In 1918 after the war, with its destruction of shipping by submarines and the immense difficulty in building new vessels, we dropped to 1,836,819 tons. In 1922 we rose to 3,500,785 tons, and in 1930 we were down to 2,303,000 tons. We are now at the worst period of disproportion between goods and ships, and we shall have to weed out vessels that are too old or unsuitable and replace them as far as possible by new ones.

### PASSENGER LIST.

#### ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. Tando from Shanghai on May 28:—

W. R. Mansfield, Miss L. D. Moorhead, Capt. and Mrs. E. C. Etherington, A. J. Wadaway, Miss J. Westaway, Mrs. A. M. Sparkes, Mrs. A. A. Young, W. K. Matland, Miss MacKinnon, Miss V. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cropp and children, W. F. Pollett, Mr. and Mrs. Levant Cole and child, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fletcher and child, F. D. Lamb, Mrs. A. B. Worrall, Miss F. Gillman, Mrs. A. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Vickers, Mrs. M. A. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. E. Stenmark and child, T. Comboy.

### PIRACY OF A JUNK.

A belated report of a junk piracy which occurred on May 1 was made to the Police yesterday on the arrival of the boat in harbour.

The junk, a cargo carrier of local registry, was bound from Shaohkwan to Waichau when she was attacked by a pirate boat near So Su Moon Pass. Three armed men boarded the cargo boat and pretended to be Customs people. They removed all the cargo to their own craft and sailed away after warning the cargo boat's crew not to follow.

The merchandise stolen by the pirates is valued at \$200, comprising singlets and piece goods.

### WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

Bruce—No. 8 buoy.  
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.  
Odin—In dock.  
Otus—In dock.  
Sandwich—West wall dock.  
Seamew—In dock.  
Sterling—West wall dock.  
Tamar—Basin.  
Thracian—In dock.  
Foreign Men-of-War.  
Henderson—American gunboat.  
Mindanao—American gunboat.

### ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, May 27.  
Irisbank, British str., 3,437 tons, Captain E. N. K. Blackmore, from Manila, Laichikok Anchorage.—Bank Line.

Thursday, May 28.  
Bengal Maru, Japanese str., 3,231 tons, Captain S. Okada, from Moji, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.  
Chak Sang, British str., 1,470 tons, Capt. D. R. Kilbee, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.  
Darban Maru, Japanese str., 4,382 tons, Captain C. Tanaka, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Fukura Maru, Japanese str., 1,926 tons, Captain E. Hirata, from Dairen, buoy No. B21.—D.K.K.  
Hal Hing, Norwegian str., 1,445 tons, Capt. Olaf S. Olsen, from Hoihow, buoy No. C4.—Thoresen & Co.

Halvard, British str., 1,217 tons, Capt. A. Hall, from Saigon, buoy No. B16.—Wo Fat Sing.  
Hong Peng, British str., 2,525 tons, Capt. H. G. Hay, from Swatow, buoy No. A15.—Ho Thong & Co.

Hutchow, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. E. M. Gellie, from Canton, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.  
Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,507 tons, Capt. R. Nagayama, from Swatow, buoy No. B8.—N.Y.K.

Paling Maru, Japanese str., 1,667 tons, Capt. K. Mineoka, from Swatow, buoy No. B19.—N.Y.K.  
Sunkong, Chinese str., 322 tons, Capt. Leung Pat, from K. C. Wan, buoy No. B17.—Wo Hop & Co.

Tanada, British str., 4,236 tons, Captain E. Pilher, from Moji, buoy No. A1.—M. M. & Co.  
Yat Shing, British str., 1,424 tons, Capt. C. Alexandre, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Yingchow, British str., 1,216 tons, Capt. M. Christie, from Canton, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Yendai Maru, Japanese str., 2,070 tons, Capt. Kawashimaru, from Newchwang, Yaumati Anchorage.—D.K.K.

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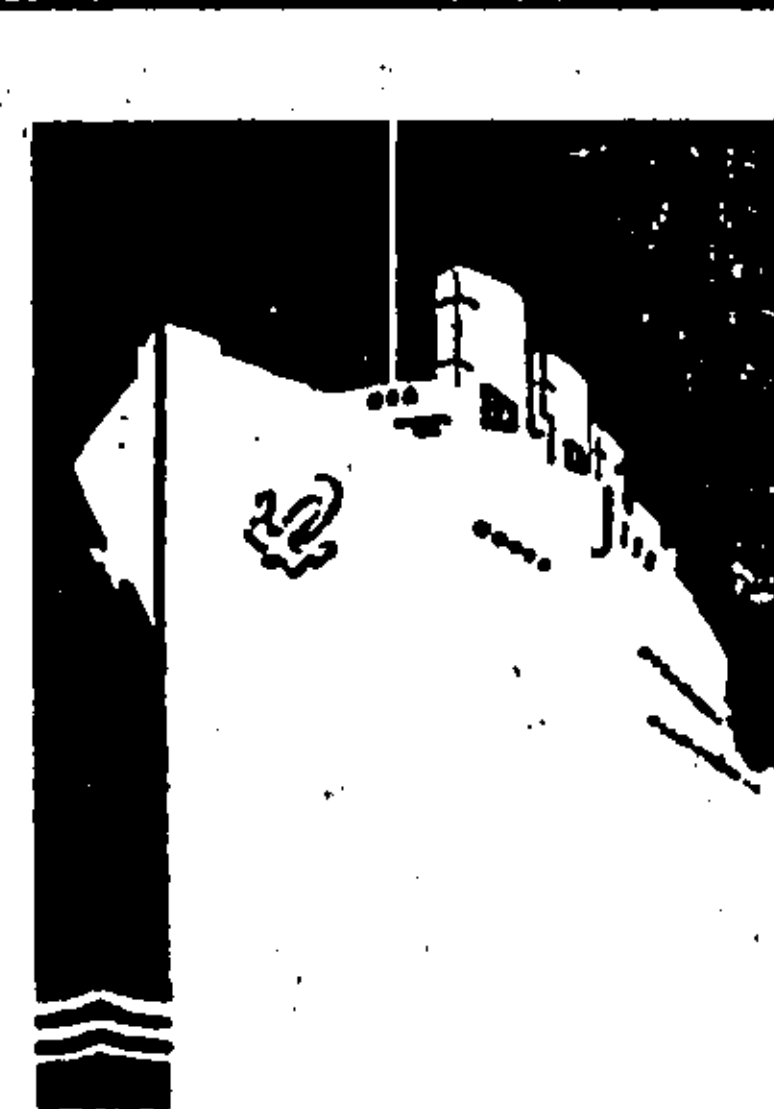
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Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 5	Oct. 12
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Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 29	Oct. 31	Nov. 2	Nov. 9
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Europe via Negapatam (Papers only, London, April 30)	Yuen Sang
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### OUTWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, MAY 29.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Burdwan (Due Marseilles, June 28.)
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#### K.P.O.

Parcels	May 29, 4.30 p.m.	Parcels	May 29, 5 p.m.
Registration	4.30 p.m.	Registration	5 p.m.
Letters	4.30 p.m.	Letters	May 30, 8.30 a.m.

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Letters	4.30 p.m.	Letters	May 30, 8.30 a.m.

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Hong Kong, Friday, May 29, 1931.

#### Power of the Pope.

The recent disturbances in Rome between Catholics and Fascists are not quite so serious as might at first be imagined, and do not, on the whole, reveal any change of attitude on the part of the Italian people toward the Pope. There is no doubt that the aim of Signor Mussolini in allocating to Pope Pius the restricted area in Rome known as Vatican City was ostensibly to curtail the temporal power and limit his political authority, but Fascists as a body, though revolutionary in spirit, are still loyal adherents of the Church. A limited circle of Fascist opinion in Rome was deeply offended by the Lateran Treaty of 1929, it is true, for it established once again the Pope's declining temporal power and in a sense consolidated his position in regard to the Monarchy. The present disagreement approaches nothing like in gravity the cause celebre of 1887, however, when Pope Leo XIII was surrounded by a hostile force in Italy.

At that time a remarkable transformation took place in Leo's spirit and policy, and with it was brought about one of the most momentous changes in the attitude of the Church toward the problems of the times and their impelling forces. A rapprochement with France inevitably entailed not only an alliance with modern democracy, but also a recognition of its principles and aims. In Rome there was no room for both Pope and King. The note of the Pope to Rampolla of October 8, 1895, declared, in terms more decided than any

that had until then been uttered, that the papacy required a territorial sovereignty in order to ensure its full independence, and that its interests were, therefore, incompatible with the existence of the kingdom of Italy as then constituted. The inevitable consequence ensued.

Italy regarded the Pope more than ever as a foe within its walls, and the policy of the Pope, as regards Italy, aimed at replacing the kingdom by one or more republics, in which the temporal power should, in some form of other, find a place. But the continuance of the Republic in Paris was a condition precedent to the establishment of a Republic in Rome, and the first had no chance of existence if the democracy in France did not remain in power. The result was the policy of "Ralliement." Instructions were given to the French Catholics to break with monarchical principles, and both externally and internally to cleave to the Republic as representing the best form of constitutional government. In carrying out the regime of Rampolla the Vatican left no stone unturned in its attempt to coerce the conscience of the French Royalists; it did not even stop at dishonour, as was evidenced by the case of the unhappy Monseigneur d'Haut, who, in order to evade the censorship of his pamphlet on Old Testament criticism, had to abandon both his King and his principles, only to die in exile of a broken heart.

The case was characteristic of the whole Catholic monarchical party, which, owing to the Pope's interference in French politics, became disintegrated and dissolved, a fate that was all the more painful seeing that the "Ralliement" failed to influence the course of events. The "atheistic" Republic did not for one moment think of putting on sackcloth, or even of giving the Church a single proof of esteem and sympathy. Gradually the Church degenerated into a political party, whose leaders came into close contact with the Social Democrats. This movement went far beyond the intentions of the Pope, but it was difficult to undo it or hold it in check.

Since then the rehabilitation of the Church has become, in many points, a fait accompli, but, internally, events have not kept pace with it. Catholic romanticism has withered away in France, as it has in Germany. "Liberal Catholicism," which was its off-spring, died after being placed under a ban by Rome. The national religious movement, asso-

ciated in Italy with the great names of Rosmini and Gioberti, has similarly been disavowed and crushed. The development of the last decade has clearly shown that the educated bourgeoisie, the tiers etat, in whose hands the supreme power was formerly vested throughout Europe, is either entirely lost to the Church, or, at all events, indifferent to its modern tendencies. The educated bourgeoisie, which, under the guise of Fascism, controls the fields of politics, science, finance, art, and administration, does not trouble itself about that great spiritual universal monarchy which Rome, as heir of the Caesars, claims for the Vatican, and to which the Curia of to-day still clings. The more the hope of being able to regain these middle classes of society disappears, the more decidedly does the Curia perceive that it must seek the support and the regeneration of its power in the steadily growing democracy, and endeavour through the medium of universal suffrage to secure the influence which this new alliance is able to offer.

#### News in Brief.

One case of diphtheria (Chinese) was notified yesterday.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 77 degrees. The humidity was 87 at 10 a.m. and 88 at 4 p.m.

Yesterday boat people in the harbour found the decomposed body of an unknown Chinese floating near Buoy No. B16.—Murder is suspected by the Criminal Investigation Department, who have instituted enquiries.

Whilst placing tea leaves out to dry on the roof of a house in Queen's Road East yesterday, Au Tsung (31), stated to be a tea-leaf worker, accidentally fell into the street, and sustained severe injuries. He died shortly after admission to the Government Civil Hospital.

The body of an unknown Chinese woman, stated to be about 40 years old, was found washed up on the foreshore of Bailey's Shipyard, at To Kwa-wan, yesterday. A post mortem examination revealed that death was caused by drowning. The Police suspect that the case may be one of suicide.

Sing Kang-sang, of 29, Nathan Road, described as a Shanghai ladies' tailor, was this morning charged at the Kowloon Magistracy with taking the designation of a Police Constable for an unlawful purpose on May 27. He was remanded for one week, bail of \$200 being allowed.

Whilst the ferry launch Man Pat was on a journey from Hong Kong to Shamshuipo, an unemployed Chinese named Leung Ho (36), residing at the Ko Shing Hing shop, Queen's Road West, is alleged to have attempted to end his life by jumping overboard into the water. He was rescued and sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

E. J. Collins was at the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. W. Schofield, charged with having obtained a meal from the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club to the value of \$1.35 by pretending that he was I. G. Allison, a member of the Club. He pleaded guilty. His Worship imposed a fine of \$40 or four weeks' hard labour in default.

Messrs. Anderson, Meyer & Company, Ltd., sole agents for The General Electric Refrigerators, wish to announce that, in order to accommodate the many people who were unable to view the first exhibition, they are giving another demonstration of their models at the Wing On Co. (ground floor) between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on June 1, 2, and 3.

Mr. Sheik Juman, a well known member of the local Indian community, died, at his residence in Sharp Street, yesterday morning. He was 54 years of age and had been for many years on the staff of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place at the Mohammedan Cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening.

At the annual meeting of the Peak Church, yesterday, the Dean's report was read, in which it was stated that the fabric of the church was being improved by an architect. The report and accounts were adopted. Officers, elected were as follows:—Committee, the Trustees, Bishop of Victoria, Rev. E. C. Powell, the Dean, Mr. H. S. Clippendale, and Mrs. H. Owen Hughes. Secretary, the Dean's Treasurer, Mr. Clippendale.

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(Continued from Page 1.)

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**Future Prospects.**  
You will notice, Gentlemen, that I have refrained from commenting on the immediate prospects of the Society's business. In times of trade prosperity it is very difficult to foresee a decline, and in times of depression it is equally difficult to foretell when a revival will take place. I would however say that when the long expected trade recovery occurs the Society is in a position immediately to benefit.

Gentlemen, considering the times I think the figures before you can be called satisfactory, and in this connection I would like to pay a high tribute to our General Manager, Mr. Paul Lauder. I feel it is to a great extent due to the conservative policy he has adopted that the Society is in such a sound position to-day. He has been ably supported by a most efficient staff stationed throughout the World, and I wish to express our thanks to all for the good work they have done, and are doing in maintaining the efficiency of the Society at the highest level possible. (Applause.)

Since we last met Mr. W. E. Smith, the Society's Inspector, has retired from our service. Mr. Smith proceeded to the East for the service of the old China Trader's Insurance Company (now the British Traders' Insurance Company) in the year 1899, and upon the amalgamation of that Company with the Society he joined the Society's Staff. He has filled positions at many of our Branches and has acted in charge at Head Office. Mr. Smith has given most valuable service to the Society and I am sure you will all join me in wishing him a very happy retirement.

**Auditors' Fees.**  
Mr. Lauder is proceeding on leave next week and will be returning here in November. He has had a strenuous time and I trust his holiday will prove beneficial. During his absence our Sub-Manager, Mr. H. C. Gray, will be in acting charge of the Society.

There is one other matter to which I must refer before closing. As you are aware the Society's Accounts are audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Linstead & Davis. Each of these Firms has in the past been paid a fee of \$2,000 per annum, and it is proposed this year to raise the fee to \$3,000 per annum. I feel sure that under existing conditions the increase will meet with your approval.

#### MR. V. M. GRAYBURN.

Mr. Grayburn, in seconding the motion, said:—It is with great pleasure that I rise to second the proposal made by the Chairman that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted.

I think you will all agree with me that considering the evil times we have been going through, and I regret to say are still experiencing, it is wonderful that the Union can repeat the dividend of former years; it is no mean attainment, and has not been achieved without tremendous work and worry on the part of our General Manager and Staff, who have earned our best thanks for their efforts.

I am sure you will agree with our Chairman in hoping for peace and prosperity to China and India, two countries in which we are all greatly interested. At the same time I cannot help thinking that to assist them to that end a general return of confidence and peace is needed in other important parts of the world, and the sooner the lead in that respect is given the better it will be for everybody.

To a mere banker an insurance company's account is somewhat difficult to analyse, but those before us appear to be so good that I do not think I need criticise them in any way except favourably. With the fall in silver the Society's silver reserves naturally show a smaller value when converted to gold, but against this their liabilities in silver have fallen if expressed in gold, though this of course is not shown in the balance sheet. A general fall in prices and dullness in trade must be sharply reflected in insurance accounts, as in other lines of business and inevitably leads to senseless competition, but we can have full confidence that the strength of the Union and its affiliated companies, with the ability and zeal of the whole staff, will weather any storm until better times come round.

I am very sorry to see that an old friend of mine, Mr. W. E. Smith, is retiring—many of us will miss him sadly but will all wish him many years of happiness free from worries. Our good wishes will also go with Mr. Lauder on his well-earned holiday, during which Mr. Gray will carry on with the knowledge that he has the confidence of us all.

**Report Adopted.**  
The report and accounts were adopted unanimously, after which the retiring directors, the Hon. Mr. C. C. S. Mackie and Mr. J. Owen Hughes were re-elected, upon the motion of Mr. J. Douglas Butcher, seconded by Mr. D. V. Stevenson.

The auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Linstead and Davis, were also re-elected, upon the proposal of Mr. A. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. J. M. Gordon.

**Directors' Fees Increased.**  
Hon. Mr. Shenton then moved an alteration in directors' fees, saying:—I rise to propose an alteration in the remuneration paid to the Society's Directors. Under Section 95 of the Articles of Association the directors shall be paid out of the funds of the Society remuneration for their services at the rate of \$2,000 each per annum or such other sums (if any) as the Society in General Meeting may from time to time determine.

I think you will all agree with me, Gentlemen, that a sum which works out in Sterling at the current rate of exchange at rather less than £100 per annum is not a sufficient fee for the responsibilities which our Directors are called upon to carry. I therefore have very much pleasure in proposing that the fee be raised to £200 per annum. I feel confident, Gentlemen, that this proposal will meet with your approval.

Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin seconded the motion, which was carried. This concluded the business.

**Those Present.**  
The Hon. Mr. C. C. S. Mackie (Chairman); the Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell, Messrs. J. A. Plummer, J. P. Warren, (Directors), and Paul Lauder, (General Manager).

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### CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

#### Successful Year.

Immediately after the meeting of the Union Insurance Society, the annual meeting of the China Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., was held.

#### CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

In moving the adoption of the Report, Mr. Mackie, said: The Report and Accounts were issued on May 11, and, subject to your approval I will follow the usual procedure and take them, as well as the Auditors' Report as read.

The Working Account for the year 1929 shows a balance of \$797,752.37. Your Directors recommend that a final dividend of \$9 per share, a Bonus Dividend of \$6 per share and an Exchange Bonus Dividend of \$14 per share be paid to Shareholders, absorbing \$580,000, and that the Balance be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account, to close the Account for the year 1929.

The Balance at credit of the 1930 Working Account is \$1,423,795.75. Out of this Balance your Directors recommend the payment of an

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#### Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of May 29, 1921.)

Today's dollar is worth 2/6%.

Commenting on the Cricket Inter-port, which closed on Thursday, Shanghai papers to hand are unanimous that Hong Kong's fielding was a feature of the match, and was materially responsible for the slow rate of the Shanghai scoring. With a stronger bowling department our players would have given a better account of themselves. As it was Davis and Reid did excellent work in the early stages of the game. The setting of the field was very popular with the spectators for although there was only one fielder on the outside, the bowling was so accurate that very few balls were turned round to leg.



## THE LOG Of The "TRADER HORN" Expedition.

by W. S. Van Dyke  
Exclusive to the "China Mail"

Murchison Falls, Uganda,  
June 28.

A solid week has slipped by in the manner of solid African weeks, the crocodile pool is yet without the number of crocodiles required, another cloudburst has swept our shoes and boots out of our tents and I have killed a crocodile and a hippo. One day follows its predecessor with the tiresome monotony of a column of safari ants.

Arriving at the pool one morning last week to view the results of our baiting the evening previous I was gratified to witness a great scurrying about in the waters, much thrashing and churning in the mud and every evidence, in fact, that a great many crocodiles had followed their noses to the carcasses of the water buck we had secured in the centre of the enclosure. When frightened, the croc submerges at once and it is only by the occasional swish of his tail that one may detect him even in shallow water. In our pool, the trail leading into the water from the river is left open; a thatched wooden fence surrounds the acre or more of water and a drop gate stands ready to fall over the trail when we succeed in making captive enough crocodiles to suit our purposes.

### Croc Panic-Stricken.

On the particular morning I mention the crocodiles made at once for the opening which freed them from the enclosure—that is, all but one. He remained submerged in some mud at one side of the pool until all his brethren had made good their exit. When he saw, then, that we had come to stay he became panic-stricken. One of our native boys was standing at the gate, cutting off his natural exit, and the rest of us were scattered at intervals outside the fence, looking in. He charged first in one direc-



"Aren't we fools?"  
"Speak in the singular."  
"Certainly. Aren't you a fool?"  
—H. Travasso, Rome.

tion and then the other, running his nose into the fence and gnawing at the branches with which the fence is made. I was enjoying the scene immensely when, to my amazement, I saw the thatch crumbling under one of his advances. He had chewed an exit and was starting through it toward some "boys" who blocked his path up to the river. Forgetting that I would scare the croc who had learned to enjoy their daily feast in the pool I motioned to my gun boy for my rifle. (I haven't ventured from the camp unarmed since the day I shot the buffalo), and using the fence as a rest, shot the big lizard twice through the head. He died without more than a few brutal lashes of his tail and we managed to rope him and carry him back to camp without delay. On measurement we found him to be almost 18 feet from tip to tip. He had been feasting on so much carrion that when we opened his mouth the odour was insufferable. However, the native porters fell upon the meat with a vengeance and the skin and teeth were presented to me later in the day. "So much for my experience with the 'carnivorous amphibian reptile,'" I have never derived as much pleasure from shooting anything in my life as to see one is to want to kill it.

### A Herd Of Hippo.

Not so with the hippopotamus. I went after one the next day. We had run out of carrion and the crocodiles were leaving the pool in favour of better food in the river. Major Dickinson and I started down river in the motor launch which weekly brings us mail and takes our film to Butaba where it is reshipped to Nairobi. Two miles below camp we ran upon a herd of hippo in the water, and went ashore to stalk them. When danger is in sight the hippo stays pretty well under water, venturing occasional glances, as he comes up for air once every two or three minutes. All that can be seen of him then is the top of his head, two big eyes and his tiny, inconspicuous ears which wiggle continually. It is difficult, under such conditions, to put in a death shot, since a bullet that hits the top of his head will only glance off and leave him with a slight headache. Taking our position on shore behind a bush, we waited for the river to calm and the sound of the motor-

boat to die away in the distance. Before many minutes the hippo had regained their confidence and were venturing well out of the water. "Don't hurry," Dickinson cautioned me. "Wait until one gets close enough for a sure shot. If you only wound it we'll never get near it."

### A Beautiful Target

A big bull was playing about near us, watching something on shore. From his shoulders up he was clear of the water—a beautiful target about 100 yards distant. I raised my rifle. As I was about to draw a sight on the death spot, equidistant between the eye and the ear, Dickinson nudged me.

"Wait a minute, he'll come closer still," he whispered.

After an eternity he came slowly toward shore. When he was within about 70 yards of us I put the rifle to my shoulder and fired. The bullet struck him just ahead of the ear. The tremendous hitting power of the rifle knocked the beast half over in the water and started him churning up the water and pawing the ground with his stubby legs. It was evident that he was trying to submerge and get away from that place where misfortune had overtaken him, but the bullet had entered his brain and partially paralyzed him. He rolled over and over, blowing blood from his nostrils and beating the water. It was a pathetic sight; I regretted having shot him. In the midst of his gyrations, Dick put in another shot which entered his head from the rear and killed him stone dead. His muscles relaxed and he sank to the bottom.

### Skinned The Carcass.

After an hour, the motor boat returned, picked us up and took the dead hippo in tow. At camp the porters skinned the carcass, withdrew the teeth and took the meat up to the croc pool where it was secured as bait. The teeth, which are about ten inches long and curved into an approximate semicircle, are said to be the best grade ivory in Africa. A pair of hippo teeth may be made into excellent revolver handles or picture frames and the hippo hide when cut into strips and dried produces the famous kiboko-flexible whip or cane with which the native punishes his wife or mother-in-law.

The progress of the picture depends solely upon the migration of the crocodiles to the pool in sufficient numbers to show up clearly in the film. Word has been received that Sir William Gowers, the governor of Uganda, intends to pay us a visit within the next week for the purpose of watching some of the filming at crocodile pool. Perhaps a gubernatorial bull, read to the crocs in the river, would help some?

### British Flag In Sight.

Murchison Falls, Uganda, July 2. The languorous calm which has been settled over the escutcheon of M-G-M in Africa was rudely lifted yesterday by the whistle of a steamboat making its way up the river. Before our befuddled wits were adjusted to this phenomenon, a large British flag fluttered into view over the tree tops around the bend, followed in a minute by the smokestack and superstructure of the "Lugard"—queen of the Lake Albert fleet. Even before we could shove she was at anchor in mid-stream a few yards from camp and the Governor of Uganda, Sir William Gowers, was on his way ashore in a whaleboat manned by eight Uganda police carmen. The personal representative of King George, the Fifth, was speedily bearing down upon an encampment of none-too-presentable Yankees from that den of alleged iniquity, Hollywood, California.

Fortunately, George Kahn, our business manager, had met the Governor on a previous occasion in Entebbe and was able to slip into a clean shirt and present himself at the landing place before the gubernatorial galleon was landed. He was followed in a jiffy by Harry Carey and Edwin Booth, looking a bit above the par for the camp. The honour of the camp was saved for the moment and I was allowed to scrape a few stubbles from my face before joining the Whalesnean ceremony.

### Governor And His Party.

I arrived on the scene as the Governor was setting foot on shore. He is a tall, distinguished-looking man probably over sixty years of age with the bearing and speech of the proverbial British gentleman. While there seemed to be some warmth in his greeting, he took care that nobody forgot for a second that he was the King's personal representative. In his party was an old friend, Pete Pearson, the game ranger; Chief Gams; Warren Pittman and wife; Major and Mrs. Thompson; of the Governor's staff; Miss Paul, the Governor's secretary; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. De-

Ganahl, of New York, and Miss Wilhelmina Breeze, their travelling companion. It was an impressive gathering, considering the locality and the presence of sixty crocodiles on the bank across the river.

### First Trial Picture.

Since it was nearly time for dinner we made a quick tour of the camp which was still in a state of minor upheaval following another cloudburst of a few days before. Harry Carey and Edwin Booth were asked to return with the visitors for dinner aboard the ship, and plans were made to include the Governor's party in the showing of our first trial pictures which had arrived the same day by mail launch.

Immediately after dinner an improvised screen was rigged a few feet back from shore in the centre of the camp and our projection machine was oiled and assembled on a camp table. Chairs were placed in careful rows, a phonograph was set in the orchestra pit. All we needed was a doorman and a box office to complete the picture.

At eight thirty we could hear the song of the oarsmen across the water as they brought the theatre party ashore. They were escorted to the choice seats in the centre of the "cinema" as soon as they arrived, the lights were extinguished and the show was on. Surrounding the Europeans, who were all seated, stood our native boys, the Governor's police and most of the native seamen from the "Lugard" witness, in most cases, their first moving picture. Directly behind the screen in the river we could hear the snort of hippos, the angry swish of the crocodile's tail. Back in the canyon a lion grunted. The phonograph was playing a Broadway tune. The warm breeze of the tropics fanned our faces and mosquitoes whittled at our necks.

### Glorious Cloud Effects.

Modesty forbids me to say much of the pictures themselves, except perhaps, that they are far and away the most artistic bits of photography ever made in Africa to my knowledge. And that, of course, is tribute to no one but Clyde De Vinna and the camera men who so utilised their filters and lenses that they were able to bring out to best advantage the glorious cloud and water effects indigenous to Africa. If my directing is but half as effective as the photography I have no fears as to the success of this venture.

After three or four reels of production film, we ran some news reel pictures made during my quick safari into the Congo and some of animals taken during the trip up the Nile.

I was absorbed during the course of the evening in studying the effect of the pictures on the natives. They appeared awe-struck during the first few minutes of the programme; the thing was new to them and it took a little time to digest it and work out a satisfactory explanation. Then, gradually, it became an amusement and, as such, was a subject of merriment. For, with the African native there is no such thing as mute and inward enjoyment. When they are pleased they react audibly and strenuously. Five minutes after the first picture was shown they burst into gales of raucous laughter which continued almost without interruption to the end. And the appearance of a brother native in the picture effects them in a way that would put Mr. Chaplin to shame. Whenever Renchero appeared on the screen he was greeted with a salvo of screams and shouts which almost deafened the white spectators. The one person who was able to quiet them was Edwin Booth. Whenever her scenes were shown a sudden silence fell over the gathering. Whether it was from respect or indifference I don't know.

### Waiting For Light.

After the show, the Governor gathered his guests about him and departed, promising to return to watch some re-takes which I was to make to-day back in the canyon. At the writing it is noon and the sun is still hidden. We are set up in readiness to shoot and the Governor with his party are anxiously awaiting their introduction to Hollywood production methods. If we can't get some light soon I'll satisfy the official appetite for cinema by unloading the cameras secretly and going through the motions of making a scene.

### [To Be Continued.]

A week's remand was granted in the case against Chan Hok-ming, of No. 384, Canton Road, who appeared at the Kowloon Police Court this morning on a charge of converting \$250, with which he was entrusted, to his own use. The money is alleged to have been given to the accused by a man named Lam Yai for the purchase of the latter's steamship ticket to France. Bail was refused.

### COMING ???

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## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY.

(Continued from Page 6.)

Interim Dividend of \$3 per share, absorbing \$60,000 and that the remainder be carried forward. The Accounts before you have again been materially affected by the fall in the Sterling value of the dollar, and you will notice the total of the Assets of the Company is increased by over \$5,000,000 as compared with the previous year. Shareholders will appreciate that the explanation of this large increase lies in the fact that the company has the bulk of its Assets in Gold Securities, the dollar equivalent of which is materially increased consequent upon the fall in exchange.

With regard to the Dividend and Bonuses recommended I would warn shareholders that the continuance of the Exchange Bonus Dividend must necessarily depend on the position of exchange. It is of course inevitable that there will be variations in the amount of this particular distribution.

The motion was carried unanimously, being seconded by Mr. G. S. Archbutt. The Hon. Mr. Mackie and Mr. J. Owen Hughes were re-elected directors, on the motion and seconding of Messrs. John Bentley and F. H. Farnie, respectively.

### Other Business.

The auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Linstead and Davis, were re-elected, the motion being made by Mr. J. W. Alabaster, and seconded by Mr. B. M. C. da Cunha.

A motion to increase the directors' fees from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per annum was adopted. The proposer was Mr. H. C. Gray and Mr. A. E. S. Alves seconded.

### Those Present.

The Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell, Messrs. J. A. Plummer and J. P. Warren (Directors) and Mr. Paul Lauder (General Manager). Shareholders: Messrs. J. W. Alabaster, A. E. S. Alves, G. S. Archbutt, John Bentley, B. M. C. da Cunha, F. H. Farnie and H. C. Gray.

## BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE.

### Still Well In Line.

The Hon. Mr. Mackie also presided at the meeting of the British Traders' Insurance Company, Ltd., held after the Canton Insurance Company meeting.

His speech in presenting the Report was as follows:—

The Working Account for the year 1929, after payment of an Interim Dividend of 5/- per share and a Bonus of 20 per cent to Contributors, passed at the last Annual Meeting, shows a balance of £59,285 17. 1. Your Directors recommend that a Final Dividend of 4/- per share be paid to shareholders, absorbing \$19,200, that \$10,000 be added to the Reserve Fund, increasing that Fund from \$165,000 to \$175,000, and that the balance of

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The balance of Working Account for the year 1930 stands at £167,865. 18. 8. Your Directors recommend the payment of an Interim Dividend of 5/- per share, absorbing £24,000, that a Bonus of 20 per cent be paid to Contributors of business on Bonus terms, absorbing about £7,500, and that the remainder be carried forward.

It was mentioned last year that owing to a large proportion of the assets of the Company being in Sterling the Accounts were not greatly affected by the position of exchange. I am glad to be able to give a similar assurance as regards the Accounts now before you. Mr. H. C. Gray seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. The retiring directors, the Hon. Mr. Mackie and Mr. J. Owen Hughes, were re-elected on the motion of Mr. J. W. Alabaster, seconded by Mr. A. E. S. Alves.

### Other Business.

The auditors were Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Linstead & Davis. Their re-election followed upon the motion of Mr. B. M. C. da Cunha, seconded by Mr. V. R. V. Ribeiro.

A motion to increase directors' fees from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per annum, was proposed by Mr. G. S. Archbutt, being seconded by Mr. John Bentley, and was formally carried.

### Those Present.

The Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell, Messrs. J. A. Plummer and J. P. Warren (Directors), and Mr. Paul Lauder (General Manager). Shareholders: Messrs. J. W. Alabaster, A. E. S. Alves, G. S. Archbutt, John Bentley, B. M. C. da Cunha, H. C. Gray, V. R. V. Ribeiro.



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### LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE PROSPECTS.

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DOCK RIVALS MEET.

(By "Short Head.")

No surprise need be caused if meteorological conditions make lawn bowls impossible to-morrow afternoon.

In a full programme of League matches the two outstanding are those in which the leaders—C.C.C. and K.B.G.C.—figure. Dock rivalry will be to the fore when the Kowloon Dock and the Taikoo Dock meet on the ground of the former, whilst the K.B.G.C. (who have now dropped Holland, who is ineligible) should stretch the Police boys.

The list of matches is as under:—

**Division I.**  
Kowloon Dock (78) v. Taikoo (43).  
C.C.C. (69) v. C.S.C.C. (49).  
K.B.G.C. (72) v. Police (59).  
K.C.C. (66) v. Recrio (60).  
**Division II.**  
Recrio (73) v. Electric (33).  
Taikoo (83) v. K.C.C. (31).  
C.S.C.C. (60) v. K.B.G.C. (49).  
Yacht Club (62) v. C.C.C. (54).

The figures in parenthesis denote the results last season. Kowloon Dock v. Taikoo Dock. Last season the Kowloon Dock swamped their confederates of Taikoo to the tune of 78-43, but the year before they had to bow the knee by 58-51. Neither Club has started this season too well, and a couple of points to-morrow will be very welcome to either of them. It looks on paper as if the result will be rather similar—so far as the margin is concerned—to that of a couple of seasons ago. Both Clubs have seasoned skips and their respective lowly positions on the League table are inexplicable.

C.C.C. v. C.S.C.C. Last year the Civil Service came a bad cropper, the Craigengower winning by 69-33. In the previous year the Civil Service took all four points, the margin on their opponents' green being 72-52. So far the Craigengower have won all their matches this season, whilst the Civil Service have lost one rather needlessly. The fine display of the Craigengower against the Club de Recrio a week ago makes it impossible to ignore their chances of victory to-morrow, combined with the fact that one or two places in the Civil Service side still require strengthening.

K.B.G.C. v. Police. The Police are not likely to be dismayed by the fact that they went down last season by 72-58 and the season before by 52-56. Nor will they care whether a certain player figures in the opposing team or not. They know their limitations, and if they get—and give—a jolly good afternoon's sport they will be quite pleased. Of course, should there be any chance of stealing a march and bagging the points the K.B.G.C. will know all about it—after the tea interval.

K.C.C. v. Recrio. Last season this match resulted in a draw—66 shots each. Both Clubs have been doing well this season, particularly the K.C.C. The Recrio could not stop the Craigengower last Saturday and the K.C.C. are confident that they can bag both points to-morrow, the result, they predict, being rather similar to that of a couple of years ago when they won by 61-53. And experience has proven that the Club de Recrio do the opposite to what the prophets foretell.

### DIVISION II.

Recrio v. Electric. There seems no reason why the Recrio should not attempt last season's feat of winning by 73-33. At the same time they cannot be too sure after the Electric produced a shock last week against the Civil Service who defeated them by only one shot. Form points to a local win, and I will leave it at that.

Taikoo v. K.C.C. Last season the Taikoo swamped their visitors to the tune of 83-31, but there is little hope of their repeating that dose, for the K.C.C. are cocks of the walk this season so far and if they go down the margin will be very small. Still, the Taikoo boys are capable of piling up a big score when in the mood, as the Electric Club know to their cost.

C.S.C.C. v. K.B.G.C. This match was won last season by the Civil Service, by 60-49, whilst in the previous year the margin in their favour was only one shot (67-56). The Civil Ser-

vice nearly were caught napping on their own green a week ago, and will have to be on their best behaviour if they mean to bag both points to-morrow.

Yacht Club v. C.C.C. The Yacht Club ought to repent their performance of last season when they won by 62-54 and of the year before when they won by 60-53. They might have won a week ago but for a poor score on one rink. To-morrow they should return to winning form.

### TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

**Division I.**  
Club de Recrio:—Dr. R. A. C. Basto, A. H. Basto, C. A. Lopes, and C. G. Silva (Skip).  
E. L. Barros, J. J. Basto, C. E. Marques, and L. A. Gutierrez (Skip).  
A. S. Gomes, R. R. Roberts, L. C. R. Souza, and R. F. Luz (Skip).

**Kowloon Bowling G.C.—J.** Rodger, G. H. Sheriff, H. Nish, and W. Russell (Skip).  
R. S. Nichol, T. S. W. West, G. E. Roylance, and D. F. Warren (Skip).

**Taikoo R.C.—G. McLeod, S. C.** P. Amery, T. Young, and R. Wallace (Skip).  
J. B. Chapman, J. Sloan, W. Weir, and J. Ferguson (Skip).

**T. Stainton, J. Polson, J. Laing,** and N. Drummond (Skip).  
**Kowloon Dock R.C.—J. V.** Puncheon, H. G. Cooper, J. J. Ramsay, and F. Cullen (Skip).

**C. Atkinson, J. A. Lindsay, J.** McKelvie, and J. C. Brown (Skip).  
F. C. Goodman, W. Hedley, H. M. McTavish, and R. Lapsley (Skip).

**Civil Service C.C.—F. Jones,** W. Westlake, J. Deakin, and J. Hollidge (Skip).  
Jas. T. Dobbie, E. L. Holland, L. E. Longbottom, and A. O. Brown (Skip).

**S. Randle, S. E. Alderman, A. H.** Oswald, and J. Gregory (Skip).  
**Police R.C.—A. J. Johnson, E.** Gooding, Dall, and J. C. West (Skip).

**W. McHardy, Brittain, J. Kirby,** J. Oram (Skip).  
Carey, A. Reynolds, F. E. E. Booker, and W. Mair (Skip).

**Reserves: Fraser and Daly.**  
**Division II.**  
Taikoo R.C.—S. Hope, J. J. Whyte, D. C. Spiers, and T. Grimes (Skip).

**J. Mitchell, W. Cunningham,** R. M. Keown, and D. Munro (Skip).  
W. Brown, T. Swan, W. Bell, and R. K. Duncan (Skip).

**Kowloon Bowling G.C.—H. F.** Stoneham, H. G. Logan, W. E. Hale, and A. W. E. Davidson (Skip).

**G. E. F. Thompson, T. Ferguson,** H. H. Rose, and W. S. Drake (Skip).

**F. V. Whitta, W. Venables, F. L.** Rapley, and V. Petherick (Skip).  
**Electric R.C.—J. R. Way, A. F.** Paul, C. T. Padgett, and A. Webster (Skip).

**H. S. McKay, G. Thompson, S.** Deacon, and W. H. B. Musket (Skip).  
R. C. Butler, C. E. Gahagan, D. S. Hill, and J. F. Lunny (Skip).

**Civil Service C.C.—P. Knight,** L. Luck, R. L. Wood, and W. E. Hollands (Skip).

**L. Lockhart, J. Shand, R. R.** Davies, and H. Strange (Skip).  
J. Willmott, A. E. Murphy, A. Tarbuck, and W. Bickford (Skip).

**Club de Recrio—L. F. Xavier,** J. M. M. Alves, A. V. Barros, and J. G. Ozorio (Skip).

**F. Xavier, J. M. S. Rosario,** P. A. Vyanovich, and H. A. Alves (Skip).

**M. F. Baptista, H. Rozario, E. M.** Remedios, and F. X. M. Silva (Skip).

### SKIPS' RECORDS.

Division I.			
	P.	W.	D. L.
W. Russell, K.B.G.C.	3	3	0 0
R. Luz, C. de R.	3	3	0 0
A. E. Silkatone, K.C.C.	3	3	0 0
C. S. Rossette, C.C.C.	2	2	0 0
J. Gregory, C.S.C.C.	3	2	0 1
J. C. Brown, K.D.	3	2	0 1
J. M. Omar, C.C.C.	3	2	0 1
J. Ferguson, T.R.C.	3	2	0 1
E. el Arcull, C.C.C.	3	2	0 1
W. Mair, P.R.C.	1	1	0 0
A. H. Lay, K.C.C.	1	1	0 0
D. Rumjahn, C.C.C.	1	1	0 0
A. O. Brown, C.S.C.C.	3	1	0 2
R. Bass, C.C.C.	2	1	0 1
N. Drummond, T.R.C.	3	1	0 2
C. E. Marques, C. de R.	3	1	0 2
L. Guy, K.B.G.C.	3	1	0 2
I. C. West, P.R.C.	3	1	0 2
C. Silva, C. de R.	3	1	0 2
R. Wallace, T.R.C.	3	1	0 2
L. Lapsley, K.D.	3	1	0 2
R. Eason, K.C.C.	2	1	0 1
J. Cullen, K.D.	2	1	0 1
J. Hollidge, G.S.C.C.	2	1	0 1
J. Gibson, K.C.C.	2	1	0 1
A. Holland, C.S.C.C.	1	0	1 2
A. J. Johnson, P.R.C.	3	0	1 2
R. Hall, K.B.G.C.	1	0	0 1
J. Ferguson, K.D.	1	0	0 1
J. C. Ival, K.C.C.	1	0	0 1
F. Booker, P.R.C.	2	0	0 2
D. Warren, K.B.G.C.	2	0	0 2

### CABLED GOLF MATCH.

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London, May 2. Beginning at 9.30 a.m. to-morrow 20 players of the Burnham Beeches Golf Club and 20 players at the Foxhills Country Club, Staten Island, New York, will oppose one another in the first "cabled" golf match ever played.

The match will be decided on the total net scores, the British side being conceded six strokes, and their far-away opponents playing from par. T. P. Perkins, the former British Amateur Champion, who is now resident in the United States, will act as referee on behalf of the Burnham Beeches Club at Foxhills, and J. J. Murphy will represent the American club on this side.

Lieut. Colonel Landon, secretary of the Burnham Beeches Golf Club, said to a reporter—The match was arranged between T. W. D. Turner, of this club, and J. Crystal, a member of the Foxhills Club, who was over in this country some time ago.

Our twenty players will play a medal round of 36 holes, and the Americans will do the same on their course three thousand miles away. The Burnham Beeches side will be captained by Major G. Harrison.

We shall cable the result of our rounds, that is the total, to Staten Island, and they will cable us their score. We expect to know the outcome of the match by Monday or Tuesday. Should the British club win the Foxhills Country Club will send £20 to the King Edward VII. Hospital at Windsor, and in the event of an American victory the Burnham Beeches Club will send a similar sum to the Staten Hospital, New York.

### Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.
W. Drake, K.B.G.C.	3	3	0	0
A. Shields, Y.C.	3	3	0	0
A. Davidson, K.B.G.C.	2	2	0	0
T. Grimes, T.R.C.	3	2	0	1
O. Ozorio, C. de R.	3	2	0	1
J. Robinson, K.C.C.	3	2	0	1
J. Jack, K.C.C.	3	2	0	1
V. Labrum, K.C.C.	3	2	0	1
A. de Souza, C.C.C.	3	2	1	0
W. Macfarlane, Y.C.	3	2	1	0
H. E. Strange, C.S.C.C.	2	2	0	0
V. Petherick, K.B.G.C.	2	1	1	0
H. Alves, C. de R.	1	1	0	0
J. F. Lunny, E.R.C.	1	1	0	0
F. V. Ribeiro, C. de R.	1	1	0	0
W. Hollands, C.S.C.C.	3	1	1	1
J. Shelshean, Y.C.	3	1	0	1
R. Duncan, T.R.C.	3	1	0	1
F. Silva, C. de R.	3	1	0	2
D. Munro, T.R.C.	3	1	0	2
W. J. Bickford, C.S.C.C.	2	1	0	1
C. Splink, C.C.C.	1	0	0	1
J. Deakin, C.S.C.C.	1	0	0	1
L. Luck, C.S.C.C.	1	0	0	1
W. V. Field, C.C.C.	1	0	0	1
M. O'Brien, C.C.C.	1	0	0	1
H. H. Rose, K.B.G.C.	1	0	0	1
F. L. Rapley, K.B.G.C.	1	0	0	1
F. X. Soares, C. de R.	1	0	0	1
A. Chapman, Y.C.	1	0	0	1
H. Paul, E.R.C.	2	0	0	2
H. Penze, C.C.C.	3	0	0	3
A. Webster, E.R.C.	3	0	0	3
W. Musket, E.R.C.	3	0	0	3

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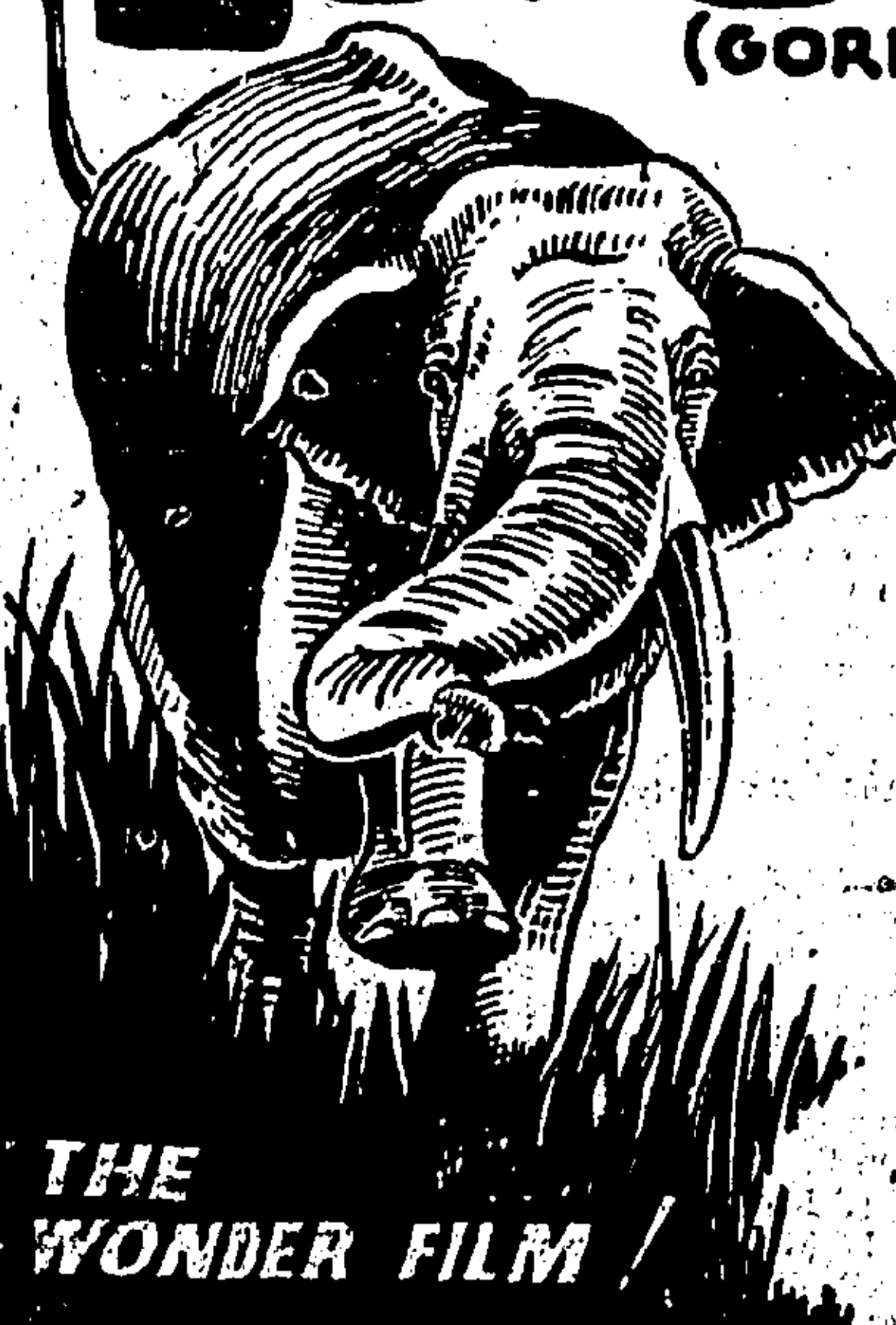
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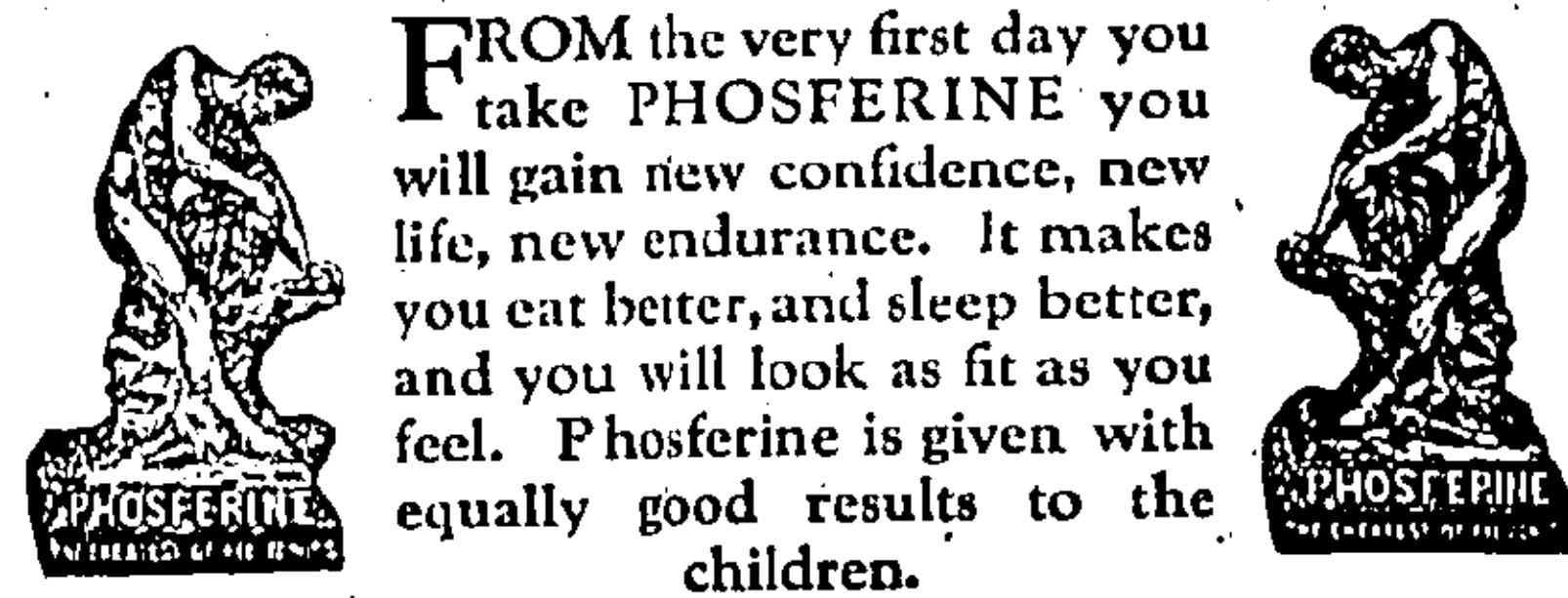


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### BRITISH TENNIS SITUATION.

Anomaly of Amateur Position.

HELEN WILLS IMMUNE.

There are other ways of making money out of sport than by labelling oneself a professional. The latter is the more bluff and honest way, but subtler methods can be employed which, while violating the spirit, may yet keep one within the amateur code, writes F. L. McIlwraith for the Sydney Referee.

Lawn tennis associations throughout the world have been particularly snobbish and narrow-minded about the introduction of professionalism into the game, refusing even to sanction open tournaments, yet probably there are more sham amateurs in tennis than in any other sport.

This year the Riviera championships have furnished some glaring examples of this type of "sportsman" or "sportswoman," for women are just as big offenders as men, and these veiled professionals belong almost entirely to the star players.

While women who played for the love of the game could ill afford any luxuries and were compelled to live in cheap hotels in the South of France, the "stars" were treated like goddesses. They came out in new creations every day, sometimes several times a day.

One well-known British player was said to be receiving £20 a week for playing entirely with one type of racket.

Other stars have been provided with players' costumes for the season, whether they be tennis clothes, day dresses, or evening dresses. The distinction between the real and the sham woman amateur has become notoriously conspicuous.

It can be placed to the credit of Mrs. Helen Wills-Moody that, although she has received many tempting offers, she has never done anything in Britain or in France that could call her amateur status into question. Two years ago, when she was playing at Wimbledon, she was offered big money by a large Continental perfumery house if she would lend her name to advertising their preparations. This she resolutely refused to do, holding that this was an indirect means of capitalising her tennis.

The same cannot be said of one of the world's greatest tennis stars. He was approached by a firm of cigarette manufacturers, who were placing a new brand on the market, and asked if he would write them a testimonial, stating that he always smoked one of their new brand of cigarettes after a strenuous set. One hundred guineas was offered as an honorarium.

He agreed, and a cheque for the amount was posted to him.

Then the star discovered that he did not smoke at all, and wrote to the company, pointing out this fact, and suggesting, as an alternative, that he should say in his testimonial that, as he was a non-smoker himself, he always advised his friends to smoke "A's" cigarettes.

The company immediately stopped payment on the cheque, and informed the champion that he had broken his contract, and that he must say he smoked their cigarettes or he would not get the money. The champion then discovered that he was really quite a heavy smoker!

This abuse of the game is likely to persist, and even to grow, as long as lawn tennis associations are ruled by amateur diehards. The temptations to the man who has devoted the best years of his life often to the neglect of his business or profession to become expert in his game are too great to be resisted, and he cannot well be blamed. He often cannot afford to take up the best part of the year playing for "love" while men of his own age are making headway in their business and professional careers, and if the chance of making money without

### DANZIG A SPORTING CENTRE.

British Sports Scheme for Baltic Town.

SPORTS CAPITAL.

London, May 2.

A big scheme is on foot to make Danzig, the town on the Baltic coast, the world's sports capital.

At present there is no actual world championships at golf or tennis, and even world's boxing titles are in the hands of promoters rather than nations. The whole project is British, and the promoters—the International Sports Association—will launch their ambitious project by organising a Derby sweepstake, which, it is hoped, will realise £1,000,000. J. J. Hamilton, the inaugurator and conductor of the successful Stock Exchange sweeps, is in charge of this one. He has decided to allocate 75 per cent. of the subscriptions to a score of prizes. It is intended that there will be three first prizes of £100,000 each, three second prizes £50,000 each, three prizes of £20,000 each, and three fourth prizes each of £15,000. Besides these, the drawers of horses will divide £40,000 among themselves, and there will be fifty prizes of £1,000, fifty of £500, 250 of £100, and 600 of £50. Part of the remainder, he has decided, will go to charity, part to promotion, and part to sports development. The lists close on May 21, and the draw will be made in Danzig on or about May 26.

The Derby sweep will be the forerunner of others, from which 25 per cent. of the subscriptions will go back to the country from which they are made for national charities. Mr. Hamilton is now in America trying to enlist the services of Bobby Jones as director of golf; while cricket is to be in the hands of Joe Darling, the famous Australian Test match player. The casino and winter sports arrangements at Danzig are to be developed.

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### Our Sports Diary.

#### LOCAL.

RACING—To-morrow—Hong Kong Jockey Club Closing of List of Subscribers of Subscription

Griffins and Australians, at noon.

LAWN BOWLS—To-morrow—

Division I.—Kowloon Dock v. Talkoo, C.C.C. v. C.S.C.C., K.B.G.C.

v. Police, K.C.C. v. Recreation Division II.—Recreation v. H.K. Electric

Talkoo v. K.C.C., C.S.C.C. v. K.B.G.C., Yacht Club v. C.C.C.

Entries close for C.S.C.C. Competitions.

GOLF—Sunday—Kowloon Golf Club v. Hong Kong Volunteers.

#### HOME.

CRICKET—To-day—

Oxford v. New Zealanders.

Middlesex v. Essex.

Lancashire v. Kent.

Gloucester v. Somerset.

Gloucester v. Hampshire.

Northants v. Sussex.

Cambridge v. Notts.

Leicester v. Surrey.

Warwick v. Yorkshire.

Worcester v. Derby.

To-morrow, Monday and Tuesday.

Middlesex v. New Zealanders.

Essex v. Northants.

Lancashire v. Surrey.

Notts v. Somerset.

Glamorgan v. Gloucester.

Hampshire v. Warwick.

Yorkshire v. Kent.

Derby v. Sussex.

Worcester v. Gloucester.

EXHIBITION—To-day and To-morrow—Royal Tournament at Olympia.

RACING—To-day—Manchester Cup.

endangering his amateur status comes his way, he is quite likely to take it.

The remedy is for lawn tennis associations to recognise the inevitable, admit professionals into open championships, thus improving the standard of play, and getting rid of a lot of cant and hypocrisy.

### EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—  
Bank, wire . . . . . 11 3/4  
Bank, on demand . . . . . 11 3/4  
Bank, 4 months' sight 11 7/16  
Credits, 4 months' sight . . . . . 1/— 1/16  
On Paris—  
On demand . . . . . 590  
Credits, 4 months' sight . . . . . 630  
On Berlin—  
On demand . . . . . Nom.  
On New York—  
On demand . . . . . 23 1/16  
Credits, 60 days' sight . . . . . 24 3/16  
On Bombay—  
Wire . . . . . 63 3/4  
On demand . . . . . 63 3/4  
On Calcutta—  
Wire . . . . . 63 3/4  
On demand . . . . . 63 3/4  
On Singapore—  
On demand . . . . . 41  
On Manila—  
On demand . . . . . 46 3/4  
On Shanghai—  
On demand . . . . . 779  
Dollar . . . . . 6 1/2 cts. dis.  
On Yokohama—  
On demand . . . . . 46 3/4  
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) . . . . . 1/—  
Silver (per oz.) . . . . . 12 9/16  
Bar Silver in Hong Kong . . . . . Nom.  
Copper Cash . . . . . Nom.  
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### LONDON EXCHANGES.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Paris . . . . . 124.27 1/2  
New York . . . . . 4.86 7/16  
Brussels . . . . . 34.91 1/2  
Geneva . . . . . 25.15  
Amsterdam . . . . . 12.09 1/2  
Milan . . . . . 92.94 1/2  
Berlin . . . . . 20.48  
Stockholm . . . . . 18.14 1/2  
Copenhagen . . . . . 18.16 1/2  
Oslo . . . . . 34.60 1/2  
Vienna . . . . . 164.4  
Prague . . . . . 193 1/4  
Helsingfors . . . . . 52.8  
Madrid . . . . . 108.25  
Lisbon . . . . . 375  
Athens . . . . . 217  
Bucharest . . . . . 33 9/16  
Rio . . . . . 27 1/2  
Montevideo . . . . . 1/5 25/32  
Bombay . . . . . 1/2 7/8 (7)  
Shanghai . . . . . 2/— 13/32  
Yokohama . . . . . 11 1/4  
Hong Kong . . . . . 12 9/16  
Silver Spot . . . . . 12 1/2  
Silver Forward . . . . . —  
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### GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for Fanning:—  
9.24 a.m. W. R. Vallance, Commander Priestley.  
9.28 " A. H. Penn, J. R. Collis.  
9.32 " A. D. Humphreys, O. Eager.  
9.36 " J. G. Campbell, N. K. Littlejohn.  
9.40 " W. W. Mackenzie, G. G. Johnston.  
9.44 " D. Forbes, D. J. Gilmore.  
9.48 " A. G. Coppin, G. A. Millar.  
9.52 " W. C. Shields, F. A. Redmond.  
9.56 " C. Myerck, W. Mulcahy.  
10.00 " W. C. Hales, H. R. Campbell.  
10.04 " V. R. Gordon, A. C. I. Bowker.  
10.08 " G. T. May, H. W. M. Dully.  
10.12 " D. B. Evans, F. C. Young.

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### HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 29th May, 1931.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Net	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
<b>Banks.</b>						
Hong Kong Bank	...	...	2026	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 31
Chartered Bank	...	...	121	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 31
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.	...	...	211	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Apr. 31
Bank of Asia	...	...	125	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Feb. 28, 31
<b>Insurance.</b>						
Canton Ins.	1450	...	...	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) May 15, 31
Union Ins.	...	...	650	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) May 29, 31
*China Underwriters	...	...	51	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) May 29, 31
China Fire Ins.	...	...	650	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) May 29, 31
H. K. Fire Ins.	1850	...	...	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 29, 31
<b>Shipping.</b>						
Douglas	...	...	24 1/2	Dec.	...	Last dividend for 1931 Mar. 4, 31
H. K. Steamships	...	...	28	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) June 10, 31
Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	40	Dec.	...	Last dividend for 1931 June 10, 31
(Def.)	...	...	80	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) June 10, 31
Shell Transports	...	...	47 1/2	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) June 10, 31
Union Waterboats	...	...	27.35	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 31, 31
<b>Mining.</b>						
Benguet	...	...	31	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 31, 31
Kailan Mining Ad.	...	...	30 1/2	June	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Dec. 30, 31
Langkat (Single)	...	...	4.95	Oct.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) May 9, 31
Shai Exploration	...	...	2	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Feb. 6, 31
Loans	...	...	44	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 16, 31
<b>Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &amp;c.</b>						
H. K. & S. Wharves	...	...	167 1/2	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 19, 31
H. K. & W. Docks	...	...	31	Dec.	...	Last dividend for 1931 Mar. 19, 31
South Ch. Moors	...	...	10	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) April 6, 31
*China Providents	...	...	5.80	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) May 4, 31
Hongkong	...	...	2.70	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 4, 31
Shanghai Docks	...	...	112	Apr.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) July 30, 31
<b>Land, Hotels &amp; Buildings.</b>						
*H. K. & S. Hotels	17.40	...	17.60	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Apr. 16, 31
(R.R.)	...	...	151	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Feb. 10, 31
(R.R.)	...	...	54	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 10, 31
H.K. Lands	...	...	93 1/2	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Apr. 15, 31
Shanghai Lands	...	...	41	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) July 31, 31
Humphreys (old)	...	...	22	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Apr. 15, 31
(new)	...	...	21 1/2	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) July 31, 31
H. K. Realities	...	...	14.10	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Apr. 15, 31
Chinese Estates	...	...	90	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) July 31, 31
<b>Cotton Mills.</b>						
*Ewo Cotton	...	...	12 1/2	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 19, 31
Shanghai Cotton	...	...	28 1/2	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Pending
Zong Sing	...	...	10 1/2	June	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Oct. 11, 31
<b>Public Utilities.</b>						
*H. K. Tramways	...	...	31 1/2	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Feb. 27, 31
Peak Tram (old)	...	...	...	Apr.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) June 16, 31
(new)	...	...	...	Apr.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) June 16, 31
Star Electric	...	...	24 1/2	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Feb. 18, 31
*China Light	...	...	20 1/2	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Dec. 15, 31
H. K. Electric	...	...	81	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 16, 31
Muse	...	...	...	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 16, 31
Sandika Light	...	...	...	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 11, 31
H.K. Tel. fully paid	...	...	...	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Feb. 25, 31
China Buses	...	...	18.00	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Feb. 25, 31
S'port Tractors (Ord.)	...	...	...	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Feb. 6, 31
(Pref.)	...	...	19 1/2	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Feb. 6, 31
<b>Industrials.</b>						
China Sugars	...	...	0.70	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 4, 31
Malayan Sugars	...	...	39	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 31, 31
Cold. Macg. Ord.	...	...	14	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 31, 31
(Pref.)	...	...	10 1/2	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 31, 31
Canton Ice	...	...	...	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 31, 31
*Cements (com.)	...	...	21.30	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 18, 31
(old)	...	...	15	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 27, 31
(new)	...	...	6	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 27, 31
H. K. Ropes	...	...	29.40	Dec.	...	(Final 25 bonus 41 1/2 p.c. 1931-32) Mar. 27, 31
<b>Stores, &amp;c.</b>						
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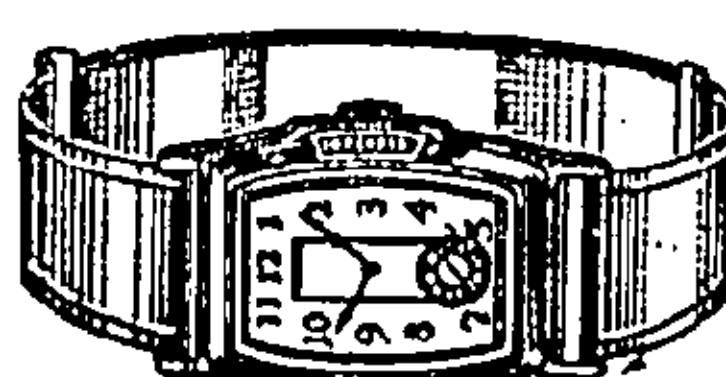
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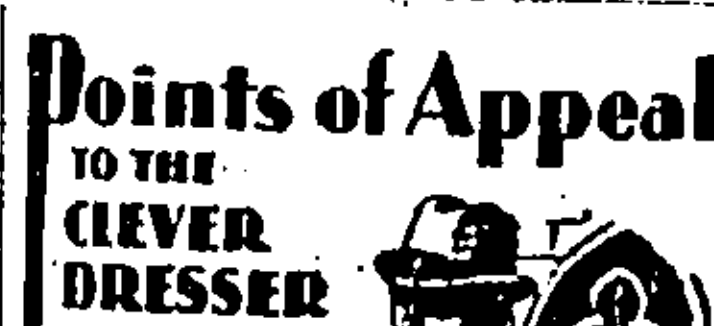
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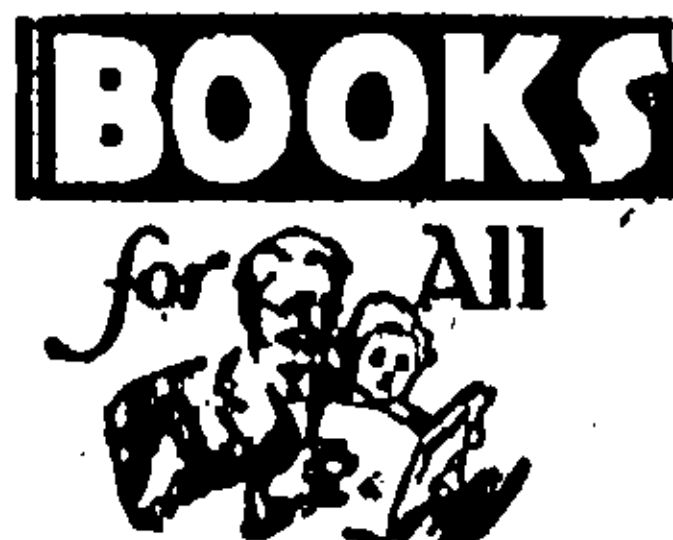
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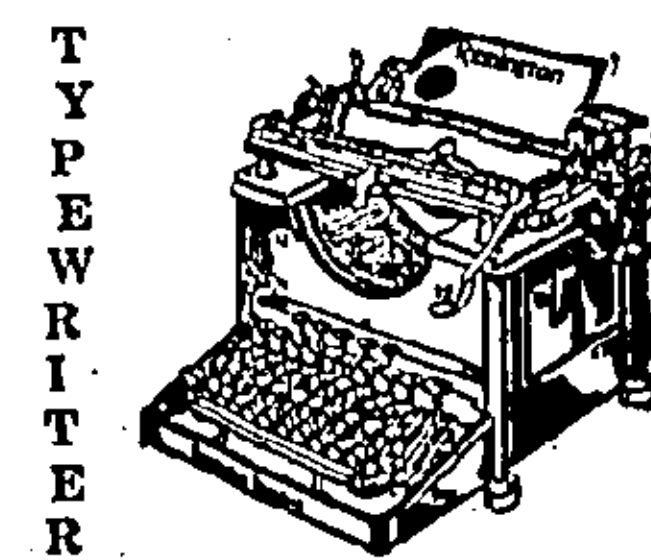
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## PREPARATIONS FOR WAR.

In a secret Soviet memorandum  
addressed to the Communist execu-  
tives in Madrid and Barcelona and  
to the heads of the Communist cells  
in the industrial centre of the  
Asturias, detailed instructions are  
given as to the part to be played  
by Spanish Communists in the  
"future world war against the  
bourgeoisie," writes a Special Cor-  
respondent at Saragossa to the  
London Morning Post.

The copy of this confidential  
document, which I have been able  
to peruse, contains several general  
items such as those reported from  
Geneva in the London Morning  
Post of February 28 last concern-  
ing Soviet war orders to Com-  
munists in all European countries.  
The preamble of this memoran-  
dum repeats the now well-known  
story of the alleged preparation by  
"capitalist" States of an armed at-  
tack upon Soviet Russia. Since  
this "insidious aggression" cannot  
be avoided, Communists in all  
countries must be ready at any  
moment to fight for the main-  
tenance of the proletarian power.  
In Russia and for the introduction of  
the Soviet system in their own  
countries. To this great end, mem-  
bers of the Communist Party  
should acquire a knowledge of  
military affairs and endeavour to  
obtain an efficient training.

According to these instructions,  
special attention must be paid to  
the conversion to Communism of  
young recruits and very strenuous  
efforts are to be made to secure  
these young fellows for the cause  
as soon as they leave the colours.  
Communism for its ultimate suc-  
cess needs also the enthusiasm and  
daring of the Spanish youth; as  
well as the wiser counsels of the  
older heads," observes the Soviet  
mentor.

## Creating Trouble.

The third section of this mem-  
orandum deals with the special con-  
ditions prevailing in Spain and the  
consequent need for suiting the

## COMING ???

JUST IMAGINE

necessary action to those peculiar  
conditions. It is pointed out, for  
instance, that the Communists in  
Spain are numerically not very  
strong. Direct action will, there-  
fore, achieve but little, and may  
even result in ignominious failure.

The great preliminary aim of the  
Spanish Communists must be to  
keep the country in a state of  
obedience and turmoil. This can  
best be done by giving whatever aid  
is possible and advisable to any  
subversive elements which may be  
working for quite other ends.

Whatever party is in power in  
Spain, whether Monarchist or Re-  
publican, does not matter to Com-  
munists, in the opinion of the  
Soviet dictators. "They are all our  
enemies, under whatever flag they  
gather." The party which happens  
to be in power when the "next  
war" breaks out will, it is explain-  
ed, have a most troublesome time.

It is the duty of true Communists  
to aggravate that trouble in every  
conceivable manner. Demands for  
higher wages are to be made and  
strikes engineered in the principal  
industrial centres.

Should the Spanish Government  
decide to take part in the war  
against the proletariat, Spanish  
Communists must do their utmost  
to hinder and, if possible, to pre-  
vent the despatch of troops, am-  
munition, and war material of all  
kinds across the frontier. A  
special study of the railway system  
should, therefore, be made before  
the war actually begins.

For the moment, intensive propa-  
ganda is regarded as the most  
efficient weapon towards the even-  
tual realising of the Soviet ideal  
in Spain. To enable such propa-  
ganda to be conducted on a more  
extensive scale than hitherto,  
ample funds from Moscow are pro-  
mised. In this connection the  
Spanish Communists are also ad-  
vised to keep in closer touch with  
the Communist movement in Portu-  
gal, for co-operation between the  
proletariat of the two countries of the  
Iberian peninsula will more  
quickly lead to the goal in view.

"Women Almost Hopeless."  
The Spanish women are given up  
as almost hopeless in respect of  
the possibility of winning them in  
appreciable numbers to the Com-  
munist cause. "They are tied  
tightly to the frocks of the priests  
and chained to the altar of the  
Church's superstition," and little  
can therefore be expected of them.  
For that reason, Spanish Com-  
munists are advised to keep close  
counsel and not to talk of their  
political affairs to their women-  
folk. Nevertheless the few women  
Communists who are already en-  
rolled and who can be regarded

as absolutely safe, should be urged  
to carry on a much stronger propa-  
ganda among those with whom  
they work.

Children are looked upon as a  
much readier prey than the women  
of Spain. It is a case, however, of  
setting the young to catch the  
young. Spanish Communists are  
recommended by this memorandum  
to encourage their own "young  
Reds" to poke fun at other children  
who go to church and in every  
possible way to ridicule them for  
listening to the "silly tales" of the  
priest and their parents.

In this way the soil will be pre-  
pared for the reader conversion of  
these children when they grow  
up into adolescence—and that is a  
matter of only a few years, re-  
marks this document at the con-  
clusion of this particular section.

## REFORMATORIES' SCANDALS

## Girls Ill-Treated.

Governor B. M. Miller and trust-  
ees of the Alabama Training  
School for Girls have been pre-  
sented with compelling evidence that  
inmates of the reformatory have  
been subjected to extreme cruel-  
ties.

The testimony was contained in  
a report made by a legislative com-  
mittee appointed to investigate the  
school in consequence of continued  
reports that girls had been whip-  
ped, starved, and allowed to die  
without medical attention. The  
committee, says a Reuter Birming-  
ham, Alabama, dispatch, recom-  
mended the immediate dismissal

of Mrs. Ira F. Champion, the  
superintendent.

## Heads Shaved.

A dentist formerly employed at  
the school, who declared that he  
lost his position through Mrs.  
Champion, testified that he treated  
a number of girls who had their  
heads shaved. Some of them, he  
said, would show their wrists  
where they were sore, and one girl  
came into his office with her face  
sore from her lips to her ear, say-  
ing that adhesive plaster had been  
placed over her mouth.

A former employee said that he  
saw a girl whipped in the dining-  
room until the blood came because  
she would not eat turnip greens.  
Another was whipped with an um-  
brella for playing, and another put  
in her room without clothing be-  
cause she ran away. Another

former employee said one girl had  
been handcuffed in her room for  
running away and kept there  
several days, and that she had  
seen underfed girls eating food  
from refuse cans.

## Beaten Like A Dog.

One of the 22 girls said she ran  
away from the school, and was  
handcuffed with her hands behind  
her back for three weeks. Another  
who ran away testified she was met  
at the gate with a pair of hand-  
cuffs and "slapped and beaten  
around like a dog." An inmate  
testified that one of the girls died  
in a cottage to which she was as-  
signed without medical attention.  
She said the sick girl was made to  
get up and walk around the cot-  
tage before she died.

## ARTIFICIAL FOG.

Successful Experiment In  
France.

France, May 2.  
In the neighbourhood of Tour-  
coing (in the north of France),  
Lieut.-Colonel Reboul and the chem-  
ist M. Maucin have made an arti-  
ficial fog experiment. In less than  
three minutes a thick cloud covered  
an important factory. The cloud  
was more than two kilometres long  
and 800 metres wide; and it con-  
tinued for more than an hour.

## THE WRONG PILLS: AN S.O.S.

The B.B.C. recently preceded the  
broadcast of the daily nine o'clock  
news bulletin with the following  
S O S:

"Will the gentleman who called at  
the chemist's shop, Pontypriid, be-  
tween 6 and 6.30 p.m. to-day, for a  
box of rhubarb pills, return the box  
he has to the chemist immediately,  
as it is very important that they  
should not be taken, but should be  
returned without delay."

It is understood that the pills in  
question were sold in error and con-  
tain a dangerous poison.

Yard, and he saw no grounds for  
changing the present practice.

Both papers made full apologies,  
and in the second case the exist-  
ence of an autobiography of Guerin  
was put forward in extenuation.  
Guerin, who was subsequently  
sentenced to three years penal ser-  
vitude on charges including the  
uttering of two forged cheques,  
complained after he had been  
found guilty that the papers per-  
secuted him for years. He denied  
he wrote an autobiography.

STERN WARNING TO  
NEWSPAPERS.

Daily Mail and Surrey  
Comet Fined.

## LORD HEWART'S REMARKS.

A stern warning against the  
publication, by newspapers, of  
matter likely to prejudice an ac-  
cused person was uttered by the  
Lord Chief Justice recently in two  
cases in which newspapers were  
heavily fined for contempt of court.  
Delivering judgment in a case in  
which the Surrey Comet was fined  
£500 and costs for publishing mat-  
ter relating to a charge of murder,  
Lord Hewart remarked that a  
newspaper was entitled to report  
fairly and accurately the proceed-  
ings in a court, but once it depar-  
ted from that it not only took  
a great risk but imperilled the un-  
fortunate man—whether innocent  
or guilty, who was charged.

"I add to the warning which has  
previously been given," said Lord  
Hewart, "if this kind of cynical in-  
difference for the interests of ac-  
cused persons continues to be dis-  
played, the cases will not be met  
by the imposition of fines."

The second case related to the  
publication of particulars of the  
previous career of Eddie Guerin,  
who it was later mentioned in  
court, had escaped from the  
French penal settlement at Devil's  
Island.  
Fining the Daily Mail £1,000 and  
costs, Lord Hewart emphasised  
that the fact that the accused per-  
son was of bad character afforded  
no excuse for the publication of  
facts to his detriment. "However  
bad a man, he must have a fair  
trial and it is not to be prejudiced  
by previous record, unless it came  
out during the proceedings. We  
think it of most importance," said  
the judge, "that it should be known  
that the fact that statements to the  
detriment of an accused person are  
true affords not the slightest pallia-  
tion for the publication of them  
with reference to an impending  
trial."

During the hearing of the Surrey  
Comet case a reference was made  
to Scotland Yard Press Bureau.  
Lord Hewart remarked he had  
never heard of it before and hoped  
he would not do so again.  
This had a sequel in the Com-  
mons. In a question to the Home  
Secretary, Mr. Clydes replied that  
information as to the objection  
taken was not supplied by Scotland  
(Continued at foot of preceding  
column.)

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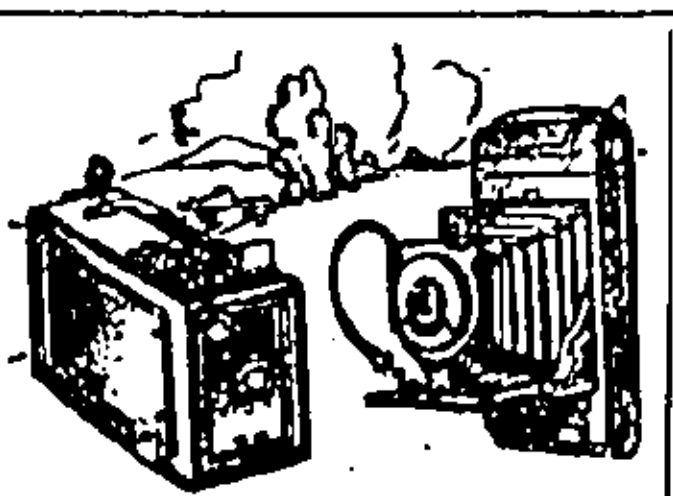
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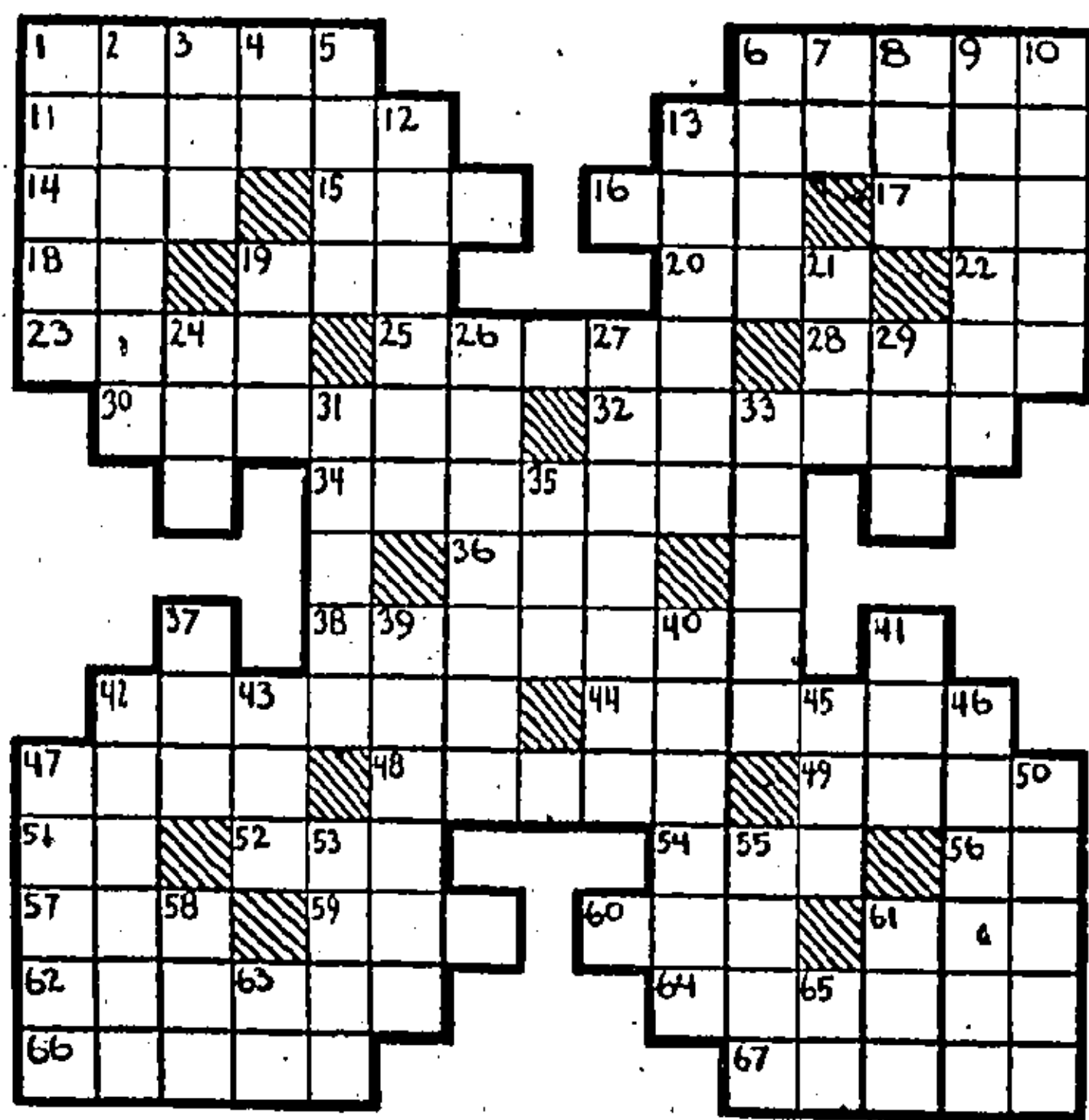
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(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but  
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic  
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

## HORIZONTAL

- 1-Painting ft.
- 6-A Chinese weight (pl)
- 11-Flowed forth in a stream
- 13-A city of India
- 14-Craft or cunning
- 15-Part of a circle
- 16-A Scottish cap
- 17-A prickly flower-head
- 18-Road (abbr.)
- 20-To place
- 22-World
- 25-Roman goddess of love
- 28-Extent of surface
- 30-Moved swiftly
- 32-Approached
- 34-Drove out
- 36-A varnish gum
- 38-Fatty
- 42-Of a yellowish-brown color
- 44-Carrot
- 47-Minute particle
- 48-A city in S. E. France
- 49-Linger
- 51-Suffix—oil

## HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 52-A drink
- 54-To harken
- 56-Translation (abbr.)
- 57-A diminutive suffix
- 59-Took food
- 60-To wage
- 61-A Hebrew high priest
- 62-One of the Semitic race
- 64-Something not to be told
- 65-To call forth
- 67-The victor at Gettysburg

## VERTICAL

- 1-Lean
- 2-Phased
- 3-Not in
- 4-A conjunction
- 5-Close to
- 6-Large book
- 7-Exile
- 8-To read
- 9-Prattled
- 10-A country in S. W. Asia
- 12-Senseless talk
- 13-Short-legged hunting dog

## VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 19-Norse god of war
- 21-A pine tree product
- 24-Tatter
- 25-Edelship
- 27-Fabulous beast with single horn
- 29-A color
- 31-S. W. State of U. S.
- 33-Common autumn flower
- 35-Head covering
- 37-To place
- 38-To blot out
- 40-Ornamental waist bands
- 41-Man's name
- 42-Revolved
- 43-Ocean
- 45-Female sheep
- 46-Bearing a title
- 47-Small rodent
- 50-Commonplace by repetition
- 53-Tard
- 55-Newspaper paragraph
- 56-Australian ostrich
- 61-Time-period
- 63-An ending of adjectives
- 65-Symbol for cerium

## TALKIE TALKS

by  
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"Trader Horn," undoubtedly the best of all animal films, and by far the superior of all pictures taken in Africa, is interesting, unusual and most exciting. Alone worth seeing is the native, Mutia Omouli, who acts as the gun bearer to the trader. He contributes a thrilling moment when he spears a charging lion, and his death is most poignant, but it quickly becomes more than a series of scenes. (By the way, if we went by the trailer recently shown, we should stay away), Horn and his friend Peru rescue a white girl—daughter of a missionary—who has been kidnapped by the natives and is worshipped as their goddess. This story adds some interest, but first and foremost it is an animal film. We see herds of giraffes, crocodiles swarming, fights between hyenas and leopards, the slaughter of a gazelle by a lion, and a battle royal for the carcass between a group of beasts; the killing of a rhinoceros, startling glimpses of animal life au naturel, and they are made terrifying by the addition of sound (As in the life of the human—so with the animal, "the survival of the fittest.")

Tribute To Directors.  
All this is a tribute to the army of Directors headed by W. S. Van Dyke, and Clyde de Vinna chief camera man, whose sense of beauty in capturing the strangeness and remoteness of the African interior is as great as his bravery in recording the realism of animal life. Besides the surprise acting of the natives, I was most pleased with the ex-stenographer—cutie, Edwina Booth, chosen from a row of extras to take this hazardous trip. Her role is difficult, because it is frenzied and incredible. She does extraordinarily well. Soon after this little girl returned to Hollywood she fell seriously ill of a disease caused by an obscure germ found in the tropics. There were fears for her life, but a new serum treatment was tried and proved successful. Now she has been rewarded by a long-term contract by M.G.M.

Harry Carey is excellent as the Trader, Duncan Renaldo quite good as Peru, the natives wonderful, and the expert direction and photography perfect. It is a picture with drama and thrills aplenty. I said before that there were parts that made me cry, parts that could never hold entertainment for me—but credit MUST be paid NOT only to the actors but to the technicians, sound recorders, carpenters, the three women and thirty-two men who dared the fevers and dangers of the Tropics for over a year to bring this wonderful picture to our doors.

Mrs. Carey (Olive Golden) went with her husband, and also took along as far as Nairobi, the two children. They are said to be the best linguists in the film colony. Brought up on their father's magnificent ranch, they speak three Indian dialects, and when in Nairobi easily acquired a perfect knowledge of Swahili. To watch little golden haired Edwina go about without a hat it is not surprising to hear she had sunstroke twice and once down for weeks with malaria. The men were never without their pith helmets and spine pads, but the heroine had to be satisfied with a small covering of fur. They say that hundreds of thousands of people packed the London Empire for weeks to see this picture. Every where it is the same story. Now we are to have it at three theatres in order to cope with the crowds. Yes—a truly great picture. (Queen's, World and Star).

"The Big Trail"  
"Young love and courage sweep on to triumph in this tremendous story of the winning of the West. Twenty thousand pioneers in a magnificent migration—vanquishing Indian, bear, buffalo, blizzard, etc." Go and see "The Big Trail" if you follow this advertisement. A new name—John Wayne—who was discovered in a cutting-room in one of the studios, and given the part of the hero—whose acting is swamped in "The grand parade from Mississippi to Oregon," (in the days when there were no Pullmans). Marguerite Churchill adds to the love interest. El Brendel and

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.  
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Tully Marshall are the humour. Raoul Walsh directed. The cameras do their best to show glorious views of mountains and plains—a buffalo stampede, usual Indian attack. More caravans and more Indians than you have ever seen before. Really nothing more than a Talkie version of what the Americans thought an epic—"The Covered Wagon." The picture is said to have cost two million dollars. Is that an attraction to you? (King's)

"The Dark Star."  
For the first time I am not handing any compliments to Frances Marion for her scenario of "The Dark Star." Could any one grasp, except one who has read the story, that the wharf-rat (as she calls herself), really idolises that girl? We are only shown rough treatment abuse, hard words, tin cans, no pleasures and the life of a slave. YET we were asked to believe that the child is loyal enough to ask poor old down-trodden Min to come and sleep in "an orchid room" in her dream house. Oh Yes, to the Min in the story who shows that the one thing she really loves is her adopted daughter. Then, again, are you aware that Min is charged with the murder of Bella on the plea of jealousy? Min will never disclose the real reason, so the world thinks the murder was committed in a fight about her paramour. Marie Dressler was perfect, but not one whit better than Marjorie Rambeau. The little girl was ideal for her part. Wallace Beery, to my mind was wasted. Yes, I frankly confess to disappointment. ("Min and Bill"—Queen's).

"Feet First."  
Where was the script-girl in Harold Lloyd's "Feet First?" He hung on to the same window—but the surrounding buildings changed at intervals—I know my Los Angeles Broadway and Ninth—I do think that Mr. Lloyd could easily give some work to a few extras to stand in the street and gaze upward. I can assure him that a crowd worthy of his well-managed studio feat would do all the gazing required, and add a little realism to the fake. He had better add some new names to his gag writers, because he must remember he has hitherto appealed to the adults as well as the children. In this, his second Talkie, he certainly made the children howl, but even they thought his human fly stunt a little too drawn out. I think in these days of realism in pictures it would be wiser to cut out fakes, and give us amusing situations without being as far fetched as that voyage in the "Malolo." One thing I heartily enjoyed, the "coolth." Just revelled in it at the King's on that hot day. Before the engineers had fixed it to a satisfactory medium it was a little too cold, but now it has reached about perfection, and what a beautiful Theatre it is too. (King's).

"Just Imagine."  
"Just Imagine" is not to be taken seriously. Just a fantastic conception of life in 1980. Quite pretty songs. One of the many mysteries of Hollywood—(the mystery of HOW she got there) Maureen O'Sullivan with John Garrick are the love interest. El Brendel the Star. Marjorie White, with her appalling voice, dances and sings too. Some people will think it wonderful. (King's).

"The Singing Peony" is the next attraction at the Central. It is the first Chinese All Talkie. The sister city, Shanghai, went mad about it. You may favour the idea of seeing it. I am not a lover of Chinese plays for longer than half an hour, but I hope the Central will be packed with those who do love this sort of thing.

## HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

W. S. Van Dyke, the Director of "Trader Horn," used to be a messenger boy to D. W. Griffith. After seeing George Griffith in "Those Three French Girls" I am glad to see he has returned to London, where he is appearing in a play with Joe Coyne. He is not exactly a loss to the Talkies.  
Loretta Young is to separate from Grant Withers, and they were \$0 happily married for a few months.  
Clara Bow is doing the old play by Willard Mack—"Kick Up."  
Jackie Cooper, a recent member of "Our Gang," is playing the principal part in the Paramount picture of "Skippy." The kid is clever.  
"The All-Star" recently seen at the Queen's, is astonishing. I am not keen on trained animals, but those trainers and directors deserve credit, and the dogs are more than human.  
I do hope we have Charles Rogers in "Charley's Aunt."  
Jack Buchanan is at the London

Hippodrome in a song and dance show—"Stand up and Sing."  
Carlotta King who made only one picture—"The Desert Song"—received \$1,000 a week for a year, and not a day's work for it.  
Irene Bordino who made only one picture too—"Paris"—is back in vaudeville.  
Nick Lucas seen here in "The Gold Diggers of Broadway" is liked better by his admirers when on the gramophone records, so he is not now in pictures.  
Words of wisdom from Mary Pickford—"No one is naturally forbearing, patient and forgiving—yet every woman has to learn to be all of these things. Don't hold bitterness in your hearts, hold only love, because there is so much evil to combat, and it is impossible to show too much love and kindness."  
Mary Pickford is adding a codicil to her will. It says that when she goes—all her films go with her. They are to be destroyed. She says she pleased her own generation—that is all that matters.  
Mary has never been a happy woman but at forty she is learning about contentment.  
Evelyn Laye has lost out in Hollywood. Her picture is not a success, so Goldwyn has not taken up her option. She asked \$50,000 to play "Tribly" with Barrymore, but

Joan Marsh, a little-known girl from the Island of Trinidad, has been handed the "plum of the basket."  
Mac Murray is back in pictures being directed by Lowell Sherman. Mac's income from her old shows brings in at least eight thousand a month.  
Phillips Holmes, who was so marvellous in "Devil's Holiday," is equally good in "The Criminal Code." The boy is manly, intelligent and he can act.  
Remember little Mary Philbin? Now in a Sanitarium, along with Lila Lee and Renee Adoree.  
The biggest flop of the past year, Al Jolson, who has been drawing the nice weekly salary from United Artists of at least \$30,000, has returned to the stage for \$5,000 per week, and a fifty-fifty basis.  
A few more words of wisdom from Ma Janis—"Don't you know that all fields have to lie fallow sometimes? No one can work all the time, don't burn up your surplus energy. Relax at times, let go of everything, and the creative impulses will flow back."

COMING ???  
JUST IMAGINE

## MAY STORMS.

## LANDSLIDE IN COLLIERY DISTRICTS.

## CARDIFF FLOODED.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
England's brief heat wave, which began on Monday ended last night in a violent thunder and rainstorm, which in the South-west and particularly in Wales were the heaviest experienced for many years.  
Plymouth and Cardiff were visited by a violent storm yesterday evening, and throughout the night South Wales experienced exceptionally severe thunder, accompanied by a torrential downpour.  
In some country districts bridges were swept away, and roads were seriously damaged, while several landslides in the mountainous colliery districts blocked the local railways. Several houses were struck by lightning, and in Cardiff roads and basements, including that of the City Hall, were flooded to a depth of several feet.  
The violent storm passed over the London area this morning and similar weather was encountered in the English Channel and along the southern coast.—British Wireless Service.

## HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

## APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

	May 21, 1931.	June, 1931.	June, 1931.
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
<b>Butcher Meat.</b>			
Beef Sirloin	牛尾	lb.	33 24 12
" Prime Cut	牛尾	lb.	30 28 11
" Corned	咸肉	lb.	23 12
" Roast	肉	lb.	33 24 22
" Breast	牛	lb.	30 20 18
" Soup	肉	lb.	27 20 18
" Steak	牛	lb.	33 24 22
" Stank Sirloin	牛	lb.	40 30 35
" Sausages	牛	lb.	38 26 20
Bullock's Brains	牛	lb.	37 10 12
" Tongue, fresh	牛	lb.	37 50 60
" Tongue, corned	牛	lb.	60
" Head	牛	lb.	\$1.20 — \$1.20
" Heart	牛	lb.	24 18 14
" Hump, salt	牛	lb.	20 18
" Feet	牛	lb.	12 10 12
" Kidneys	牛	lb.	15 10 12
" Tail	牛	lb.	27 20 22
" Liver	牛	lb.	24 18 14
" Tripe	牛	lb.	8 6 7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛	set	\$1.50 \$1.00 \$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊	lb.	44 26 —
" Leg	羊	lb.	44 26 —
" Shoulder	羊	lb.	40 24 —
" Saddle	羊	lb.	44 — —
Pig's Chitterlings	猪	lb.	30 27 —
" Brains	猪	Per set	3 — —
" Feet	猪	lb.	18 15 —
" Fry	猪	lb.	28 15 18
" Head	猪	lb.	18 20 —
" Heart	猪	each	15 10 10
" Kidneys	猪	each	15 10 10
" Liver	猪	lb.	38 30 24
Pork Chop	猪	lb.	36 25 23
" Leg	猪	lb.	37 — —
" Loin	猪	lb.	42 60 70
" Fat or Lard	猪	lb.	26 21 —
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊	set	10 60 70
" Heart	羊	each	12 8 7
" Kidneys	羊	lb.	15 12 10
" Liver	羊	lb.	45 25 25
Sucking Pigs, to order	猪	lb.	26 25 22
Suet, Beef	牛	lb.	30 20 18
" Mutton	羊	lb.	30 25 20
" Veal	猪	lb.	22 20 20
" Sausages	牛	lb.	25 — —
" No. 1	牛	lb.	22 — —
<b>Fish.</b>			
Barbel	魚	lb.	45 16 24
Bream	魚	lb.	28 20 16
Canton Fresh Water	魚	lb.	28 — —
Carp	魚	lb.	28 13 16
Catfish	魚	lb.	34 16 27
Codfish	魚	lb.	32 12 9
Crabs	蟹	lb.	40 16 17
Cuttle Fish	魚	lb.	22 23 26
Dab	魚	lb.	26 16 27
Dace	魚	lb.	40 23 10
Dog Fish	魚	lb.	20 10 —
Eels, Conger	魚	lb.	30 10 8
" Fresh Water	魚	lb.	32 16 —
" Yellow	魚	lb.	38 10 8
Flounder	魚	lb.	64 26 30
Grouper	魚	lb.	72 32 25
Garoupa	魚	lb.	20 40 30
Gudgeon	魚	lb.	28 22 18
Herrings	魚	lb.	30 13 23
Halibut	魚	lb.	32 18 15
Lobsters	蟹	lb.	65 32 13
Macrurus	蟹	lb.	62 62 24
Mackerel	魚	lb.	32 32 21
Milk Fish	魚	lb.	38 20 20
Mullet	魚	lb.	32 18 2
Oysters	魚	lb.	35 12 2
Perch Fish	魚	lb.	22 14 0
Pike	魚	lb.	25 30 15
Pink	魚	lb.	35 16 9
Plaice	魚	lb.	38 28 20
Pomfret, White	魚	lb.	48 36 30
Pomfret, Black	魚	lb.	38 36 45
Prawns	魚	lb.	70 10 14
Ray	魚	lb.	20 10 14
Rock Fish	魚	lb.	20 13 18
Roach	魚	lb.	30 22 10
Salmon	魚	lb.	45 86 30
Shark	魚	lb.	20 8 10
Skate	魚	lb.	20 10 10
Shrimps	魚	lb.	52 32 80
Snapper	魚	lb.	42 28 28
Soles	魚	lb.	32 22 28
Tench	魚	lb.	30 26 85
Turbot	魚	lb.	30 12 12
Turtles, small, fr. water	魚	lb.	110 40 —
<b>Poultry.</b>			
Chicken	雞	lb.	60 30 31
Capon, Small	雞	lb.	58 28 30
Capon, Large	雞	lb.	62 28 30
Duck	鴨	lb.	45 22 21
Doves	鴿	each	45 22 21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋	per doz.	33 18 —
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋	per doz.	40 25 20
Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	68 36 24
Fowls, Hainan	雞	lb.	56 35 24
Geese	鴨	lb.	45 24 24
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	40 80 —
" Holchow	鴿	each	35 28 —
Turkeys, Cock	雞	lb.	75 — —
Turkeys, Hen	雞	lb.	60 61 45
Snipe	雞	each	30 — —
Pheasants	雞	pair	3.50 — —
Quail	雞	each	45 — —
Partridges	雞	each	45 — —
<b>Fruits.</b>			
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	85 35 —
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	lb.	34 26 —
Bananas (bride's)	蕉	lb.	7 4 —
Carambola	楊桃	lb.	12 — —
Coconuts	椰子	each	13 10 10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	28 25 30
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	13 8 —
Lichas, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	90 25 30
Oranges (Canton)	新會橙	lb.	30 — —
Oranges	橙	lb.	55 — 15
Pears (Canton)	梨	lb.	36 — —
Peanuts	花生	lb.	14 10 12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	lb.	12 — —
Plantain	蕉	lb.	6 8 —
Pumelo, Siam	大柚	each	24 12 6
Walnuts	胡桃	lb.	32 — 16
Grapes	葡萄	lb.	90 — —
<b>Vegetables, &amp;c.</b>			
Artichokes	菜花	each	12 — 2
Beans, Sprout	豆苗	lb.	5 — 7
" Long	豆	lb.	28 — 8
Beet Root	甜菜	lb.	10 — —
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	lb.	10 24 —
Brinjals, Green	茄	lb.	6 5 3
" Red	茄	lb.	6 5 3
Cabbage, Chinese	紅頭菜	lb.	10 — —
" (Shanghai)	上海菜	lb.	14 12 —
Cane Shoots, bunch	竹筴	lb.	8 — —
Cauliflower (Large)	大花椰菜	each	— — —
" (Medium)	中花椰菜	each	— — —
" (Small)	小花椰菜	each	— — —
Carrots	金	lb.	6 5 6
Celery, Chinese	菜	lb.	16 10 6
Chillies, Dried	辣椒	lb.	14 25 5
" Red	紅	lb.	12 10 12
" Green	青	lb.	8 8 10
Curry Stuff, English	印度材料	lb.	10 8 —
Cucumbers	瓜	lb.	6 2 —
Garlic	蒜	lb.	8 0 6
Ginger, Young	薑	lb.	10 7 —
" Old	老	lb.	8 20 —
Horseradish, Shanghai	菜	lb.	40 8 4
Indian Corn	玉米	lb.	9 45 —
Lettuce	生菜	lb.	6 1 —
Water Chestnuts	荸薺	lb.	9 — 8
" Mandarin	荸薺	lb.	12 — 8
Mushrooms, Fresh	蘑菇	lb.	65 — 8
Okra	茄子	lb.	1 — 10
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥	lb.	10 8 8
" Green	生	lb.	6 4 6
" Shanghai	上海蔥	lb.	8 6 —
Parley	芹	lb.	15 60 8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	lb.	5 8 —
" Japanese	日本薯	lb.	4 3 —
" American	金山薯	lb.	— 3 —
Pumpkins	冬瓜	lb.	4 4 4
Radish	紅蘿蔔	lb.	5 — —
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大根	lb.	18 — 10



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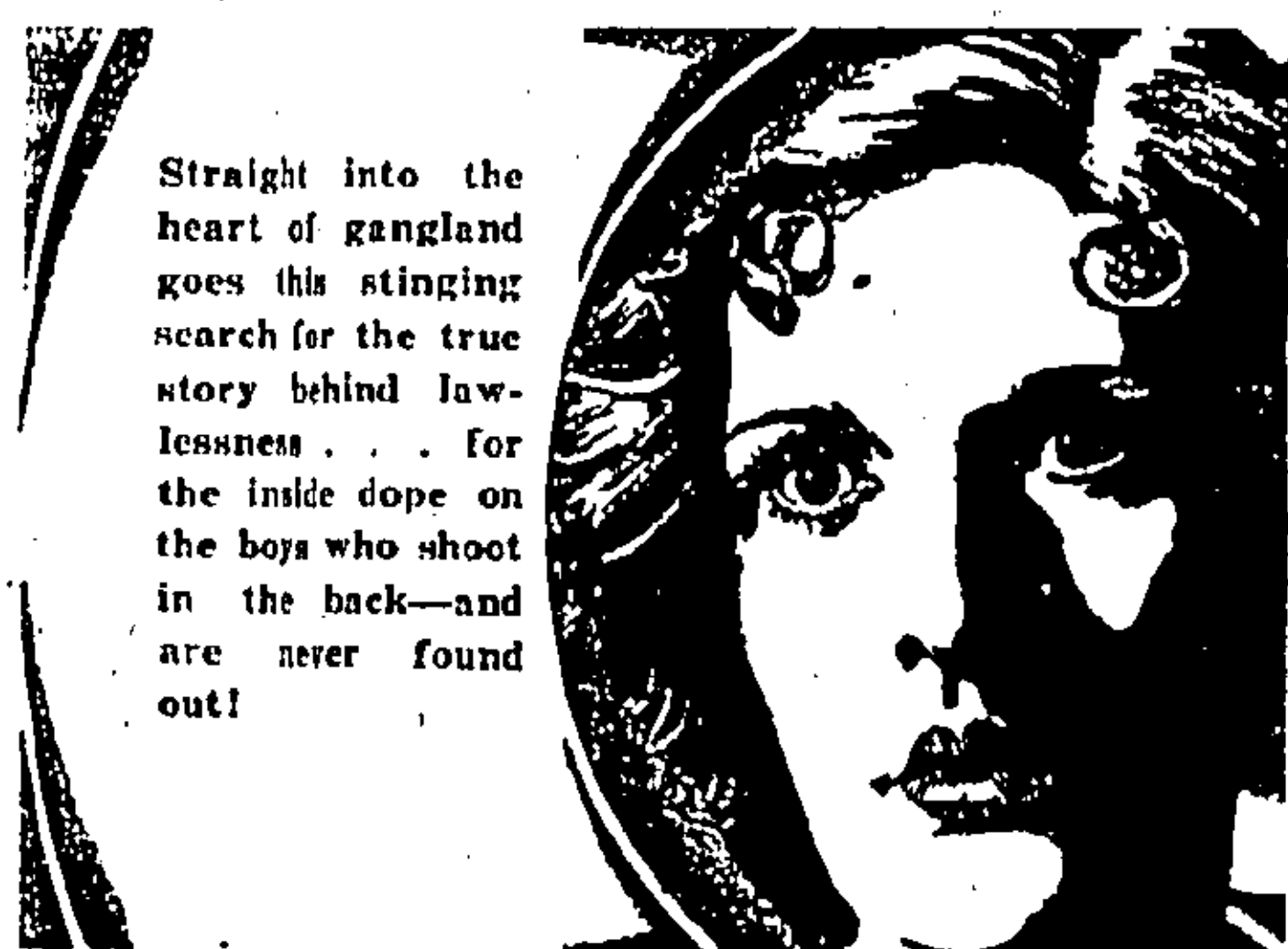
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### HEAVY FALL IN BOND VALUES.

Commonwealth Scheme for 4 Per Cent. Loan.  
APPEAL BY PREMIER.

Melbourne, Yesterday. A heavy fall in Commonwealth bond values on Sydney and Melbourne Stock Exchanges followed the tentative adoption by the Conference of Federal and State Premiers of a scheme for a 40 year four per cent. loan for the conversion of Australia's internal debt, with the proviso that an additional flat rate of income tax of 25 per cent. be levied on securities that are not converted.

Mr. J. Scullin stated that the Premiers had been informed that financial institutions holding practically half of the bonds were willing to convert.

He expressed the opinion that the scheme offered the greatest hope, provided all sections shared equitably in the sacrifice.—Reuter.

### SIGNAL DISOBEYED.

DRIVER OF PRIVATE CAR FINED.

A THIRD CONVICTION.

Gulam Kadir, the driver of a private car, was summoned before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning, with having unlawfully disobeyed the signal of a police officer in uniform in Pedder Street, at the junction of Queen's Road Central, on May 17 at 2.45 p.m.

Evidence by a Shantung Police constable went to show that defendant drove his car from Pedder Street into Queen's Road Central, even when witness had signalled against him. Another car, driven by Mr. D. M. Goodall, which was about to turn into Pedder Street from Queen's Road Central, had to pull up suddenly to avoid a collision. Fortunately, however, the latter was travelling at a very slow speed.

Corroborative evidence was given by Mr. Goodall who said that he thought that the Police officer was very definite with his signal against the defendant.

Inspector Alexander remarked that defendant was fined twice previously for dangerous driving. Mr. Schofield imposed a fine of \$20.

### EXPENSIVE TITLES.

But Useful When Visiting Hotels.

Title holders have been known to lament that their immediate effect is to increase the size of the gratuities they are expected to bestow when the owner is away from home. Lord Ponsonby, on the other hand, far from complaining, finds the ability to register himself plain "Ponsonby" a decided advantage in hotels. In fact, he told the Cambridge Union Society that it was only when visiting an hotel that he found any use for his title. "For then," he said, "I find it secures for me quick service."

Lord Ponsonby, who was created a peer last year, said that apart from this he held titles in scant respect, for "they did not produce an aristocracy capable of governing and did not produce a good breed." He admitted, however, that there was not so much snobbery in the House of Lords as he had expected.

### BRITISH AIRWOMAN REPORTED SAFE.

Mrs. Edwin Montagu Leaves for Moscow.

FLIGHT IN NEW PLANE.

Moscow, Yesterday. Mrs. Edwin Montagu, the British air woman, arrived at Askaniya in a new aeroplane to-day, and is leaving for Moscow via Samarkand and Orenburg.—Reuter.

[Mrs. Edwin Montagu cabled from Meshed on May 3, stating that her plane had crashed. She was rescued from the cockpit when the machine, on touching ground, burst into flames. Both she and her pilot were unhurt.]

### SPANIARD'S DEATH.

Veronal poisoning, alleged to have been self-administered, is stated to have been the cause of death of an unemployed ship's officer, of Spanish nationality, named R. Laceda, which occurred in the Government Civil Hospital at 10.15 o'clock last night.

The report, which is brief, states that Laceda lived at 51, Bonham Strand, and was removed to hospital by his wife.

## SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

### Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.  
Monday—Annual Dinner of Heriot Club, Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m.

### Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "The Big Trail."  
To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Trader Horn."  
To-day—Central Theatre; "Dangerous Nan McGrew."  
To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Ingagi."  
To-day—World Theatre; "Trader Horn."  
To-day—Star Theatre; "Trader Horn."  
May 31 to June 6—King's Theatre; "Just Imagine."  
June 7 to 9—King's Theatre; "Along Came Youth."  
Home Malls.  
To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Haruna Maru); Outward for Europe via Suez (Haruna Maru) 6 p.m.  
To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Yuen Sang), Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Burdwan), 8.30 a.m.; for Europe via Siberia (President Taft), 5 p.m.  
Meetings.  
June 17—Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardines, noon.  
See Sports Diary on Page 9.

### Miscellaneous.

To-day—Whist Drive at Sergeants' Mess, Gun Club Hill, 8 p.m.  
Milk slightly warmed and mixed with a little washing soda will remove most stains from brown leather. Apply with a piece of flannel, beginning at the outside of each stain and working with a circular movement towards the centre.

### KEEN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS.

Liberal Movement for Free Trade.

TORIES ALSO ACTIVE.

Rugby, Yesterday. There is every prospect that a keen political controversy will take place on the fiscal question during the next few months. A Convention of Liberal Party delegates will be held at London tomorrow to consider the plans for a campaign throughout the country in favour of Free Trade. It is stated that before the end of the year 10,000 meetings will be addressed by Liberals on this subject in various parts of the country.

Conservative leaders have also planned an intensive campaign. The leader of the Party, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, will address four meetings in June, while Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Hailsham, Sir Arthur Steel Maitland, Mr. Winston Churchill, and several other prominent members have arranged to take part.—British Wireless Service.

### ITALIAN PLOT.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF MUSSOLINI.

ANARCHIST SENTENCED.

Rome, Yesterday. The Sardinian anarchist, Schirru, has been sentenced to death on a charge of plotting an attempt to assassinate Signor Mussolini.—Reuter.

### JUNE 3.

PLANS FOR PARKING OF CARS.

In connection with the reception at Government House on the night of H.M. the King's Birthday we are asked by the Traffic Department to state that chauffeur-driven motor cars will park in Murray Parade ground. The Police assisted by members of the Automobile Association will see that owners get their cars after the function. A telephone has been installed and this will connect Government House direct with the parade ground.

Owner-driven motor cars will park in Upper Albert Road, west of Government House, or in Kennedy Road.

### JAPAN AND CHINA.

RESOLUTIONS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Tokyo, To-day. Urging both the Government and the people to pay greater attention to Sino-Japanese relations for the purpose of preventing unfortunate developments, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce adopted a resolution, firstly, that Japan will agree to the gradual abolition of extrajurisdiction, provided guarantees are obtainable; secondly, Japan's legitimate rights and interests in Manchuria and Mongolia must be maintained at all costs; and, thirdly, China's discriminatory treatment of Japanese goods must be protested against. The resolutions will be submitted to the Foreign Office.—Reuter.

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